

## FLASHPOINT

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — An intercepted secret message between al-Qaida chief Ayman al-Zawahri and his deputy in Yemen about plans for a major terror attack was the flash-point that set off the current shutdown of many U.S. embassies, two officials told The Associated Press on Monday.



Al-Qaida chief Ayman al-Zawahri in a web posting by al-Qaida's media arm, as-Sahab.

(AP Photo/SITE)

A U.S. intelligence official and a Mideast diplomat said al-Zawahri's message was picked up several weeks ago and appeared to initially target Yemeni interests. The threat was expanded to include American or other Western sites abroad, officials said, indicating the target could be a single embassy, a number of posts or some other site. Lawmakers have said it was a massive plot in the final stages, but they have offered no specifics.

The intelligence official said the message was sent to Nasser al-Wahishi, the head of the terror network's organization, based in Yemen, known as al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the sensitive issue publicly.

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## CITIZEN BEZOS

Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos speaks in Santa Monica, Calif. Bezos struck a deal Monday to buy The Washington Post and other newspapers for \$250 million in a startling demonstration of how the Internet has created both winners and losers and utterly transformed the media landscape.

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

## Amazon founder to buy The Washington Post

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LOS ANGELES (AP)

— Jeff Bezos, the Amazon.com founder who helped bring books into the digital age, is going after another pillar of "old media": The Washington Post.

Bezos, 49, struck a deal announced Monday to buy the venerable Washington broadsheet and other newspapers for \$250 million. It was a startling demonstration of how the Internet has created winners and losers and transformed the media landscape.

Bezos made his fortune by pioneering online shopping, first by selling books out of his Seattle garage in 1995, then with just about everything else.

Meanwhile The Washington Post, like most newspapers, has been losing readers and advertisers to the Internet while watching its value plummet.

The newspaper became internationally known after its investigation of the Watergate scandal that led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon, the basis for the Robert Redford film "All

the President's Men."

Bezos is buying the newspaper as an individual. Amazon.com Inc. is not involved.

Washington Post Co. chairman and CEO Donald Graham called Bezos a "uniquely good new owner." He said the decision was made after years of newspaper industry challenges. The company, which owns the Kaplan education business and several TV stations, will change its name but didn't say what the new name will be. Bezos said in a statement

that he understands the Post's "critical role" in Washington and said its values won't change.

"The paper's duty will remain to its readers and not to the private interests of its owners," Bezos said to Post employees in a letter distributed to the media. "We will continue to follow the truth wherever it leads, and we'll work hard not to make mistakes. When we do, we will own up to them quickly and completely."

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## Al-Zawahri message led to embassy closures

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American spies and intelligence analysts on Monday scoured email, phone calls and radio communications between al-Qaida operatives in Yemen and the organization's senior leaders to determine the timing and targets of the planned attack.

The call from al-Zawahri, who took over for Osama bin Laden after U.S. Navy SEALs killed the al-Qaida leader in May 2011, led the Obama administration to close diplomatic posts from Mauritania on Africa's west coast through the Middle East to Bangladesh, east of India, and as far south as Madagascar.

The U.S. did decide to reopen some posts on Monday, including well-defended embassies in Kabul, Afghanistan, and Baghdad.

curity at government facilities and checkpoints.

Officials in the U.S. wouldn't say who intercepted the initial suspect communications — the CIA, the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency or one of the other intelligence agencies — that kicked off the sweeping pre-emptive closure of U.S. facilities.

But an intelligence official said the controversial NSA programs that gather data on American phone calls or track Internet communications with suspected terrorists played no part in detecting the initial tip. That official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the spying publicly.

A U.S. official familiar with the threat information said the decision to close the embassies was based on a broad swath of informa-

anonymity.

Once the plot was detected, NSA analysts could use the programs that leaker Edward Snowden revealed to determine whom the plotters may have contacted around the world. Snowden revealed one program that collected telephone data such as the numbers called and the duration of calls on U.S. telephone networks. Another program searched global Internet usage. Therefore, if a new name was detected in the initial chatter, the name or phone number of that person could be run through the NSA databases to see whom he called or what websites or emails he visited.

Acting on what it said was an "overabundance of caution," the State Department on Sunday closed a total of 19 diplomatic posts until next Saturday.

## Taliban talking secretly to Kabul's government

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan

(AP) — The Taliban have held secret talks with representatives of Afghan President Hamid Karzai to try to jumpstart a peace process that stumbled and stalled at the starting gate, according to Afghan officials and a senior Taliban representative. The discussions with members of the Afghan High Peace Council have so far been unofficial and preliminary, seen as an attempt to agree on conditions for formal talks. But they do suggest an interest on both sides in proceeding, or at least toying, with a peace process that has been mired in controversy since the official opening of a Taliban political office in June in the Gulf nation of Qatar.

Habibullah Fauzi, a former Taliban diplomat who is now a member of Karzai's High Peace Council, told The Associated Press that "some individuals (on the peace council) have met Taliban on an individual basis," though he would not say who or when. He also said he'd heard reports of meetings in Saudi Arabia between High Peace Council members and Taliban who were in that country to perform the Islamic pilgrimages of Umrah and Hajj.

"The Afghan government certainly is in contact with certain leaders and certain figures among the Taliban," Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman Janan Musazai said Sunday at a news conference in Kabul. The Taliban marked the opening of their political office in Qatar by flying their white flag, emblazoned with a Quranic verse, and a sign that identified the group as the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. That enraged Karzai, who accused the religious militia of trying to establish a government in exile. Peace talks involving the United States that were to

follow the official opening ended before they could begin, threatening the possibility of a negotiated end to 12 years of war.

Last week U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry sought Pakistan's help to press the Taliban into opening negotiations with Karzai's representatives. The Taliban's leadership is believed to be living in Pakistan. "The hope is that they will start talks soon with the High Peace Council," Sartaj Aziz, adviser to Pakistan's prime minister on national security and foreign affairs, told the AP on Sunday. "It is at a very fragile place right now."

One of the Taliban's representatives in Doha, Qatar told the AP that secret talks with the High Peace Council have already begun. The representative, who was a senior official in the Taliban government during its five-year rule that ended with the U.S.-led invasion in 2001, said that Taliban negotiator Mullah Abbas Stanikzai met last month with a senior member of the High Peace Council in Dubai, a city in the United Arab Emirates. He said the two tried to reconcile differences and pave the way for an official meeting. The Taliban representative talked with the AP in Islamabad in a rare face-to-face interview. He spoke on condition of anonymity, saying the Taliban's leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, had ordered his spokesmen to refrain from public statements.

At the Dubai meeting, Stanikzai said the Taliban would not compromise on the use of their flag and name, according to the Taliban representative, who also said the Taliban considered the High Peace Council chairman Salahuddin Rabbani a controversial figure because of his father, Burhanuddin Rabbani, an anti-Taliban fighter and former president who was killed by a suicide bomber in 2011. □



**A Bahraini armored personnel vehicle reinforces U.S. Embassy security outside the building, surrounded in barbed wire, in Manama, Bahrain. An intercepted message between al-Qaida chief Ayman al-Zawahri and his deputy in Yemen was the trigger that set off the current shutdown of many U.S. embassies, two officials told The Associated Press on Monday.**

(AP Photo/Hasan Jamali)

Authorities in Yemen, meanwhile, released the names of 25 wanted al-Qaida suspects and said those people had been planning terrorist attacks targeting "foreign offices and organizations and Yemeni installations" in the capital Sanaa and other cities across the country. The Yemeni government also went on high alert Monday, stepping up se-

tion, not just the intercept. The official said the U.S. has made clear in the past that AQAP makes its own operational decisions — that there are back-and-forth communications between al-Qaida leadership and AQAP, but that they operate independently. The official was not authorized to disclose the information to reporters and thus spoke on condition of

anonymity.

They include posts in Bangladesh and across North Africa and the Middle East as well as East Africa, including Madagascar, Burundi, Rwanda and Mauritius.

The closure of the African facilities came just days before the 15th anniversary of al-Qaida's bombings of American diplomatic missions in Kenya and Tanzania. □



# Transient with jail record behind LA beach rampage

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The man suspected of being behind the wheel of a car that careened down the crowded Venice Beach boardwalk last weekend, killing an Italian newlywed on her honeymoon and injuring 16, is a transient who served brief stints in jail in Colorado, authorities said Monday.

Nathan Louis Campbell, 38, had been in the Los Angeles area a short time but had no fixed address, and police have been unable to find any evidence he was working.

Investigators believe Campbell, who was arrested for investigation of murder after he walked into a police station several hours after the rampage on Saturday, was driving his own car, Los Angeles police Cmdr. Andrew Smith said.

"I think we can safely say, when he turned himself in ... he implicated himself in the Venice incident," Smith said. Investigators have yet to provide an explanation why the driver maneuvered around a vehicle barrier early that evening and plowed into tourists and vendors along the fabled walkway bordering the Pacific, killing Alice Gruppioni, 32.

Her new husband, Christian Casadei, was at her side. He suffered minor injuries.

In a statement Monday, he called his wife "an immense gift: a gift that no one can ever understand. She gave happiness and joy to anyone who had the luck to know her."

"About our love, you cannot say more than it will remain a dream from which we will never wake," he said.

One person was critically injured and two others were taken to hospitals in serious condition. The 13 others all received less severe injuries.

Little is known about Campbell, who is being held on \$1 million bail. No relatives or close friends have emerged since the incident to talk about him,

and police have revealed scant details.

Campbell lived in Colorado as recently as last year. He was evicted from his apartment in Denver for not paying \$655 in rent in March 2012, records show. He was sentenced to five days in jail after pleading guilty to shoplifting at

a Denver supermarket in February 2009. Five months later, he was accused of trespassing at an outdoor mall in Denver and sentenced to 10 days in jail, court records show.

California authorities said no one with his name and birth date had a state driver's license. Police have

not yet presented their case to prosecutors, and Campbell was not expected in court until at least Tuesday.

Police said Campbell initially parked outside a hotel and surveyed the boardwalk, where hundreds of people were sitting at cafes, walking along the sea-

shore or shopping for jewelry, art or other items at vending stands.

Surveillance video showed a driver getting into a Dodge sedan, steering around a vehicle barrier and careening through the crowd. Two mannequins and an ATM were knocked down as the car started hitting people. It swerved from side to side, often running straight into victims. The car struck at least three vendors — a fortune teller, a couple selling jewelry and a woman tattoo artist. Witnesses said the car was traveling at least 35 mph (56 kph) along the crowded boardwalk.

The car eventually turned up a side street and headed away from the ocean. The vehicle was abandoned less than two miles (three kilometers) away.

People were "stumbling around, blood dripping down their legs, looking confused not knowing what had happened, people screaming," said Louisa Hodge, who described "blocks and blocks of people just strewn across the sidewalk." □



People look at a makeshift memorial for Italian newlywed Alice Gruppioni, 32, is seen on Ocean Front Walk at Venice Beach on Monday, Aug. 5, 2013, in Los Angeles. The man suspected of being behind the wheel of a sedan that careened down the crowded Venice Beach boardwalk last weekend, killing the Italian newlywed on her honeymoon and injuring 16, is a transient who served brief stints in jail in Colorado, authorities said Monday.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

## Police arrest man in deadly US taco shop attack

**SALINAS, California (AP)** —

A 21-year-old man was arrested on Monday on suspicion of opening fire outside a taco shop during a pre-dawn gang brawl, killing two people and injuring five others in a California city that has seen nine killings in 12 days. Giovanni Pacheco was taken into custody hours after the shooting in Salinas and booked into Monterey County Jail, police said.

The 1:30 a.m. shooting happened after a fight inside Taco's Choice restaurant spilled outside, police said. It was the latest in a spate of recent violence.

Arriving officers found a 22-year-old man dead from gunshot wounds. A 28-year-old man who also was shot several times was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Salinas police Cmdr. Dave Shaw said the shooting occurred after two different

groups in the restaurant started brawling. The conflict moved out into a parking lot, where it grew into "a pretty decent sized fight" before someone pulled a handgun and began firing into the crowd, Shaw said.

A 25-year-old man was critically wounded. Four other victims, including a 53-year-old woman who was shot multiple times, were expected to survive. Detectives were gathering surveillance videos from neighboring business and interviewing witnesses. Salinas, a farming town in Central California, has seen an uptick in violent crime in recent weeks, Shaw said. There have been 14 killings so far this year, nine in the past 12 days. Last year, there were 22, including at least 11 that were confirmed to be gang-related. "There's no real way to find out what's motivating these guys to pick it up all

of a sudden," Shaw said. Salinas, a city of 150,000, has long battled gang violence, and frequently has one of the state's highest gang-related homicide rates. Just 30 miles (48 kilometers) north of two major

prisons, the main rivalry in town is between the Nortenos and Sureños, gangs that once were largely confined to Northern and Southern California, respectively, but now are doing battle in much of the state. □

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## Obama to urge shuttering of Fannie, Freddie; review mortgage legislation

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Barack Obama, seeking to buffer taxpayers from future housing market downturns, will urge Congress this week to back bipartisan efforts to shutter Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the mortgage giants bailed out by the federal government in 2008.

Fannie and Freddie own or guarantee half of all U.S. mortgages and back nearly 90 percent of new ones. Obama will also renew his

fully recover following the recession. The collapse of the housing market in particular had a dramatic impact on people's lives and the economic viability of communities across the U.S. "So many Americans across the country view their own economic and financial circumstances through their homes and whether they own a home, whether their home is underwater, whether they feel like they have equity in their homes," White House spokesman Jay Carney said Monday.

While Obama will outline his own proposals on Tuesday, his plans are largely in line with the bipartisan Senate overhaul.

Officials said Obama will insist that the government only step in to pay out mortgage guarantees after private capital has been exhausted and that private capital bear the substantial majority of any losses. He will also call for Fannie and Freddie's investment portfolios to be wound down by at least 15 percent per year. Obama advisers did not outline a specific time-



**President Barack Obama smiles at media as he walks on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington after returning from Camp David, Md., where he spent his birthday Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013.**

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

calls for sweeping mortgage refinancing legislation when he travels to Phoenix on Tuesday. Arizona's desert capital was the epicenter of the housing crisis that began in 2008, but the market there has rebounded strongly, with home prices up and foreclosures down.

The president's visit to Phoenix marks the latest stop on his summertime economic tour aimed at refocusing his agenda on middle class Americans still struggling to

Senior administration officials said Obama would focus in Phoenix on shifting more of the burden for supporting the massive U.S. mortgage market to the private sector. A centerpiece of that effort is his support for winding down Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The White House has already lauded efforts to achieve that goal spearheaded by Republican Sen. Bob Corker and Democratic Sen. Mark Warner.

frame for winding down Fannie and Freddie. The Corker-Warner legislation would shutter the operations within five years.

Fannie and Freddie were nationalized during the 2008 financial collapse and bailed out with \$187 billion in taxpayer-funded loans. The two enterprises don't directly make loans, but buy mortgages from lenders, package them as bonds, guarantee them against default and sell them to investors. □



**Katharine Weymouth, publisher and CEO of The Washington Post, left, and Donald Graham, CEO and chairman of The Washington Post Co., address employees about the sale of The Washington Post to Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos, Monday, Aug. 5, 2013 in Washington.**

(AP Photo/Marvin Joseph)

### CITIZEN BEZO

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Katharine Weymouth, the newspaper's publisher and CEO and a member of the Graham family that has owned the newspaper since 1933, will remain in her post.

She has asked other senior managers to stay on as well.

"Mr. Bezos knows as well as anyone the opportunities that come with revolutionary technology when we understand how to make the most of it," she said in a letter to readers.

"Under his ownership and with his management savvy, we will be able to accelerate the pace and quality of innovation."

The news surprised industry observers and even the newspaper's employees.

"I think we're all still in shock," said Robert McCartney, one of the newspaper's Metro columnists and a 31-year veteran. "Everybody's standing around the newsroom talking about it. ... I don't think much work's getting done."

The email hit staffers' inboxes at 4:17 p.m. Eastern time. It summoned them to a meeting 13 minutes later. Graham spoke at the staff meeting of how he has known Bezos for more than

a decade, and described him as a decent and patient man, said McCartney. Graham told the staff he is convinced Bezos is committed to quality journalism and has no political agenda. There was a long standing ovation from the staff after Graham and Weymouth's remarks.

"Hard to imagine the Post without the Grahams," wrote East Asia Correspondent Chico Harlan in a tweet. "Don emailed his writers, knew their names." Writer Gene Weingarten tweeted, "If Don Graham says this was the right thing to do, I trust him."

Fredrick Kunkle, a metro reporter and a union leader at The Post, said there is also apprehension among staff.

"The Graham family has been revered in this town, rightly so," he said, adding he saw at least one person at the meeting wipe away tears. "We all have a lot of questions."

Allen & Co., which held a high-level conference for media and technology executives in Sun Valley, Idaho, last month, was named as an adviser to the deal.

Benchmark Co. analyst Ed Atorino said the sales of the Boston Globe and Washington Post demonstrate that some savvy business leaders still see hope for newspapers. □





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## TSA officials expand duties beyond airport security

RON NIXON

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**WASHINGTON-** As hundreds of commuters emerged from Amtrak and commuter trains at Union Station on a recent morning, an armed squad of men and women dressed in bulletproof vests made their way through the crowds. The squad was not with the Washington police department or Amtrak's police force, but with one of the Transportation Security Administration's Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response squads - VIPR teams for short - tasked with performing random security sweeps to prevent terrorist attacks at transportation hubs across the United States. "The TSA, huh," said Donald Neubauer of Greenville, Ohio, as he walked past the TSA squad at Union Station. "I thought they were just at the airports." With little fanfare, the agency best known for airport screenings has vastly expanded its reach to sporting events, music festivals, rodeos, highway weigh stations and train terminals. Not everyone is happy.

TSA and local law enforcement officials say the teams are a critical component of the nation's counterterrorism efforts, but some members of Congress, auditors at the Department of Homeland Security and civil liberties groups are sounding alarms. The teams are also raising hackles among passengers who call them unnecessary and intrusive.

"Our mandate is to provide security and counterterrorism operations for all high-risk transportation targets, not just airports and aviation," said John S. Pistole, the administrator of the agency. "The VIPR teams

are a big part of that."

Some in Congress, however, say the TSA has not demonstrated that the teams are effective. Auditors at the Department of Homeland Security are asking questions about whether the teams are properly trained and deployed based on actual security threats.

Civil liberties groups say the VIPR teams have little to do with the agency's original mission to provide security screenings at airports and that in some cases their actions amount to warrantless searches in violation of constitutional protections.

"The problem with TSA stopping and searching people in public places outside the airport is that there are no real legal standards, or probable cause," said Khaliah Barnes, administrative law counsel at the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington. "It's something that is easily abused because the reason that they are conducting the stops is shrouded in secrecy."

TSA officials respond that the random searches are "special needs" or "administrative searches" that are exempt from probable cause because they further the government's need to prevent terrorist attacks. Created in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the TSA has grown to an agency of 56,000 people at 450 U.S. airports. The VIPR teams were started in 2005, in part as a reaction to the Madrid train bombing in 2004 that killed 191 people.

The program now has a \$100 million annual budget and is growing rapidly, increasing to several hundred people and 37 teams last year, up from 10 teams in 2008. □



Officers with a Transportation Security Administration Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response squad patrol the Amtrak train platforms at Union Station in Washington. The VIPR teams are tasked with performing random security sweeps to prevent terrorist attacks at transportation hubs across the U.S., but the TSA program has met some resistance from members of Congress and civil liberties groups. (T.J. Kirkpatrick/The New York Times)



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## Chevron agrees to pay \$2M in refinery fire

RICHMOND, California (AP) — Chevron Corp. on Monday agreed to pay \$2 million in fines and restitution and pleaded no contest to six charges in a fire last summer at its refinery in the San Francisco Bay Area that sent thousands of residents to hospitals, many complaining of respiratory problems. The San Ramon-based oil giant entered the plea to charges filed by the California Attorney General's Office and the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office, including failing to correct deficiencies in equipment

refinery," Contra Costa District Attorney Mark Peterson said in a statement. In January, the company said in a report to county health officials that it had already paid about \$10 million in connection to nearly 24,000 claims from residents, and in compensation to area hospitals and local government agencies in Richmond and in Contra Costa County. Company officials said most of that \$10 million went to hospitals for medical exams and treatment immediately following the incident.

ery. Ritchie said Chevron is conducting a comprehensive inspection of its refinery and also implementing a multimillion-dollar expansion of its air-monitoring system to include several sites in the surrounding communities. A metallurgical report showed the 40-year-old pipe that failed, causing the leak, initially was weakened by the heavy sulfur content of the crude oil being pumped through it. After a small leak sent hydrocarbons into the air, a small flash fire was put out. But a



Firefighting crews continue to pour water onto a unit after a fire at a Chevron refinery in Richmond, Calif. Chevron on Monday Aug. 5, 2013 agreed to pay \$2 million in fines and restitution and pleaded no contest to six charges in connection with a fire at its refinery in the San Francisco Bay Area city of Richmond.

(AP Photo/Aric Crabb)

and failing to require the use of certain equipment to protect employees from potential harm. Both Chevron and government investigations determined that corrosion in a pipe caused a leak that sparked the Aug. 6, 2012, fire, sending a plume of black smoke over nearby residential areas. The investigations found Chevron failed to replace the 1970s-era pipe despite numerous warnings from its own inspectors. "This criminal case achieves our goals of holding Chevron accountable for their conduct, protecting the public, and ensuring a safer work environment at the

Chevron also is still facing nearly \$1 million in citations issued by Cal OSHA, state Department of Industrial Relations Director Christine Baker said in a statement. Chevron has appealed that fine. As part of Monday's agreement, Chevron will inspect all piping subject to the type of corrosion that caused the pipe at the Richmond refinery to fail and update its emergency response training program, according to prosecutors. Chevron spokeswoman Melissa Ritchie confirmed the agreement with prosecutors and said the company is committed to improving safety at the refin-

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## 3 say they outbid winning offer for the Boston Globe

BOSTON (AP) — Three bidders who fell short in their attempts to purchase The Boston Globe say they offered more than Boston Red Sox owner John Henry's winning \$70 million bid and criticized the decision of the seller, The New York Times Co., to make a deal with him. Springfield television station owner John Gormally, West Coast investment executive Robert Loring and U-T San Diego chief executive John Lynch all said their groups' bids bested Henry's. Henry agreed to pay \$70 million to buy the Globe, the Boston Metro and the Telegram & Gazette in Worcester, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from Boston. The bid, announced Saturday, was a fraction of the \$1.1 billion the Times Co. paid 20 years ago. Lynch said his group offered "significantly more" than Henry and wondered how the Times Co.'s shareholders would react after learning the company accepted a lower offer. "I'm just stunned," Lynch told the Boston Herald. "I thought this was a public

company that had a fiduciary duty to get the most by its stockholders." Lynch and Gormally also criticized the bidding process, with Gormally saying he was kept in the dark for a week after the July 26 bid deadline, until learning in an early morning email Saturday that Henry was chosen. Gormally said he offered \$80 million. But, he added, "putting aside price," Henry was the best choice to own the paper, given his smarts, local connections and ability to assemble a team to make the paper work. One of the chief questions raised by Henry's purchase of the newspaper was how his ownership will affect the Globe's coverage of the Red Sox, one of the city's most popular institutions. Addressing those concerns, Globe editor Brian McGrory said the paper had no plans to change its coverage, nor will it be asked to. "The Globe's sports reporting and commentary is the gold standard in the industry," McGrory told the newspaper over the weekend. □

## Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen donates \$1M to gorilla research

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen is giving \$1 million to the Jane Goodall Institute to study and protect gorillas in Africa. The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation says wildlife conservation projects in Africa will be a major initiative. Science officer Kathy Richmond told The Seattle Times in a story Monday that ocean science will be another priority. The Goodall grant will help researchers in the Democratic Republic of Congo survey a gorilla subspecies that may be on the verge of extinction. Possibly fewer than 5,000 of the Grauer's gorilla survive today in the eastern part of the Congo, where the pri-

mates have been threatened by fighting, poaching and illegal mining. Since 1990, the Allen foundation has given away \$454 million, mostly in the Pacific Northwest. Allen is ranked as the 53rd wealthiest person in the world by Forbes, with a net worth of \$15 billion. He has pledged to give away most of his fortune. Since 2008 Allen and his foundation have donated nearly \$10 million to African charities and projects like protecting lions in the desert of Namibia and developing a migratory corridor for elephants in Tanzania. They've also contributed to tsetse-fly control in Zambia, drought relief in East Africa and girls' education in Rwanda. □



## US Financial Front:

# Growth at American service firms jumps on new orders

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. service firms expanded in July at the fastest pace since February, fueled by a brisker month of sales and a jump in new orders. The in-

its index of service-sector growth rose in July to 56.0, up from 52.2 in June. Any reading above 50 indicates expansion.

The survey covers businesses that employ 90 percent of the workforce, such as

December and was driven in part by faster home construction. And a gauge of new orders, which indicates sales over the next few months, increased to 57.7 — a five-month high. Jennifer Lee, senior econo-

mist at BMO Capital Markets, noted that 16 of the 18 industries surveyed reported growth in July, "encouraging news for the broader U.S. economy."

Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said the July gains in the service sector, along with a solid month of manufacturing growth, suggest the economy is growing at an annual rate of 3 percent in the July-September quarter. That's nearly double the rate in the April-June quarter. One concern is that a measure of employment at service companies fell in July. That echoed last week's government employment report that showed hiring has slowed. Employers added 162,000 jobs last month, the Labor Department said Friday. That's down from 188,000 in June. Nearly all of the hiring took place at service firms. And most new jobs were in low-paying industries — half were at retail business or restaurants and bars.

Growth in the service industry depends largely on con-

sumers, whose spending drives roughly 70 percent of economic activity. On Friday, the government said consumers increased their spending in June at the fastest pace in four months. The economy grew at a tepid 1.7 percent annual rate from April through June. That's up only slightly from the 1.1 percent annual rate in the previous quarter and the third straight month of subpar economic growth. Still, the rise in consumer spending and service activity follows other reports that point to stronger growth.

Home sales and prices continue to rise, and Americans' confidence in the economy stayed last month close to a 5 1/2 -year high. U.S. factories have begun to rebound after slumping at the start of the year. A separate ISM released last week showed manufacturing activity jumped in July to the highest level in two years, reflecting a surge in new orders, increasing hiring and rising factory output. □



Patrons sample a variety of beers at the Beer Hall at the Harpoon Brewery in the Seaport District of Boston. US service firms expanded in July at the fastest pace since February, fueled by a jump in new orders and stronger business activity.

(AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

crease suggests economic growth could be picking up after a weak first half of the year.

The Institute for Supply Management said Monday that

retail, construction, health care and financial services. A measure of business activity, which includes current sales, rose to 60.4. That's the highest since

## Rates on U.S. Treasury bills increase at weekly auction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest rates on short-term Treasury bills rose in Monday's auction to the highest levels since early July. The Treasury Department auctioned \$30 billion in three-month bills at a discount rate of 0.040 percent, up from 0.030 percent last week.

Another \$25 billion in six-month bills was auctioned at a discount rate of 0.075 percent, up from 0.065 percent last week. The three-month rate was the highest since these bills averaged 0.045 percent on July 8.

The six-month rate was the highest since these bills averaged 0.085 percent on

July 1.

The discount rates reflect that the bills sell for less than face value. For a \$10,000 bill, the three-month price was \$9,998.99 while a six-month bill sold for \$9,996.21. That would equal an annualized rate of 0.041 percent for the three-month bills and 0.076 percent for the six-month bills.

Separately, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bills, a popular index for making changes in adjustable-rate mortgages, was unchanged at 0.11 percent last week, the same as the previous week. □

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## Egypt: Envoys seek to ease tensions between factions

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**CAIRO (AP)** — Top U.S., European and Arab envoys visited a jailed Muslim Brotherhood leader Monday on a mission to ease tensions between Egypt's military-backed government and supporters of ousted Islamist President Mohamed Morsi.

No details of the meeting emerged, but a European Union official spoke of confidence-building measures, and the two rival camps appeared to be facing critical choices 33 days after the military overthrew democratically elected Morsi.

For the military, failure to disperse the Islamists' Cairo sit-ins peacefully would leave it little choice but to use force, provoking a bloodbath that would tarnish its image and cost it world support. For the Muslim Brotherhood, a deadly confrontation would risk a ban from politics and a sweeping crackdown.

Already, some 250 people have been killed since Morsi's ouster, including at least 130 in two major clashes between security forces and supporters of the deposed president on July 8 and again on July 26-27.

The talks between U.S. Deputy Secretary of State William Burns and Khairat el-Shater took place in the prison where the Muslim Brotherhood figure is being held.

Burns was accompanied by Foreign Ministers Khalid bin Mohamed Al-Attiyah of Qatar and Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan of the United Arab Emirates, and EU envoy Bernardo Leon. No details of the meeting were given.

U.S. senators John Mc-

Cain and Lindsey Graham arrived in Cairo on Monday at President Barack Obama's request to press senior Egyptians for a quick return to civilian rule.

A European Union official in Brussels said diplomats were working on confidence-building measures such as releasing detained Brotherhood officials, dropping charges against other group members and dispersing the pro-Morsi sit-ins

sour, the current interim president, said not a "single step" of the military-sponsored political road map announced the day of Morsi's ouster would be changed as part of any mediation. He also ruled out a referendum on the transition plan.

Mohammed Aboul-Ghar, leader of the liberal Social Democratic party, said the Brotherhood has already moved beyond Morsi but

sociated Press.

Egypt's highest security body, led by interim President Mansour, says the clock is ticking on the sit-ins, suggesting the government is running out of patience. "There is a time frame for (tolerating) all this and then it will be clear to everyone that those in the sit-in camps are not renouncing violence, thus leaving the state in a self-defense position," Mustafa Hegazy,



Interim Vice President Mohamed Elbaradei, left, meets with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State William Burns, center, in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, Aug. 5, 2013. A top U.S. diplomat held talks with a jailed senior leader of the Muslim Brotherhood on Monday as part of mediation efforts to end the standoff between Egypt's military-backed government and protesters supporting ousted President Mohammed Morsi, Egyptian officials said.

(AP Photo/Egyptian Presidency)

held at two squares on opposite ends of the Egyptian capital.

Yet neither side in the stalemate has shown much interest in making concessions.

"Our position of full reversal of (the) military coup is unchanged," tweeted a Brotherhood spokesman, Gehad el-Haddad.

Ahmed el-Muslemani, a spokesman for Adly Man-

has yet to offer the military-backed government any concessions on the sit-ins that would lure it to the negotiating table.

"My reading is that until now the Americans and the Europeans got nothing solid (from the Brotherhood) to offer to the Egyptian leadership. It means all what they have from the Brotherhood is below expectations," he told The As-

Mansour's political adviser, told the AP.

Two military officials familiar with the mediation efforts said the Brotherhood was not serious about ending the stalemate, claiming Morsi supporters were stockpiling weapons and alluding to the discovery of 11 bodies of men allegedly killed by Brotherhood members for being police or military informers. □

## EU exceeds US in holding back bank bonuses

PETER EAVIS

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Soon after the financial crisis, international regulators identified Wall Street's lush pay packages as one of the culprits and proposed an overhaul that was meant to apply equally to employees of U.S. investment banks and their big European rivals.

Four years on, the Europeans might be forgiven for wondering what happened to the American effort.

A central theme of the overhaul was to make bankers wait for a significant portion of their pay, so they would have less of an incentive to take the sort of short-term risks that led in 2008 to crippling losses.

Today, however, European firms appear to be holding back, or deferring, substantially more of their top risk-takers' pay than U.S. banks.

European banks like Barclays and Credit Suisse are deferring as much as 70 percent of the compensation granted to top employees, according to an analysis by The New York Times of the banks' annual reports. U.S. firms, by contrast, generally appear to be deferring about half.

The pay measures apply to more than just a bank's chief executive and other top-level officers. Large banks are now required to identify the biggest risk-takers and tie their compensation to the fates of their firms. Certainly, U.S. institutions like Citigroup, Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan Chase are deferring considerable amounts of pay. But the Europeans are going further. □



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## Large wildfire burns homes in village north of Athens

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A large wildfire raged through a hamlet north of Athens Monday, burning about 10 homes. No injuries have been reported.

The fire broke out Monday at Avra near Marathon, some 50 kilometers (30 miles) from Athens, and spread quickly because of strong winds.

The fire brigade says about 90 firefighters, assisted by eight water-dropping aircraft, partially contained

the blaze and the aircraft were called off late in the afternoon.

Marathon local authorities said the blaze was started by a car which crashed into an electricity pole and caught fire. No injuries were reported from the road accident.

Also Monday, more than 50 firefighters helped by seven aircraft were fighting a forest fire in the central Fokida region. No damage to homes or injuries were reported there. □



A man tries to extinguish a fire at a burning house in Avra village, about 50 kilometers (30 miles) east of Athens, Monday, Aug. 5, 2013. A large wildfire raged through a hamlet burning about ten homes. No injuries have been reported as the fire spread quickly because of strong winds.

(AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis)

## Syrian rebels capture villages in regime's stronghold

BASSEM MROUE Associated Press BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian rebels on Monday captured four villages in the heartland of President Bashar Assad's minority Alawite sect as they fought government troops for the second straight day in the mountains overlooking the country's Mediterranean coast. Opposition fighters also said they captured about 400 villagers and pro-government gunmen in battles in the area. Alawites, an offshoot of Shiite Islam, dominate Assad's regime. The capture of the villages in the coastal Latakia province was a symbolic blow to Assad, whose forces have been taking territory in recent weeks in central Syria. Syria's conflict has taken on an increasingly sectarian tone in the last year, pitting predominantly Sunni Muslim rebels against members of Assad's Alawite minority. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human

Rights said rebels captured the villages after attacking government outposts in the Jabal al-Akrad hills on Sunday. The group, which relies on reports from activists on the ground, said at least 32 government troops and militiamen and at least 19 rebels, including foreign fighters, died in Sunday's

fighting. Much of Latakia has been under the firm control of Assad's forces since the beginning of the conflict more than two years ago, but some areas, including Jabal al-Akrad, are close to rebel-held areas and have seen fighting.

It was a rare success for the

rebels on the battlefield in recent weeks. Assad's forces have been on the offensive since taking the central town of Qusair in June, and last week captured a key district in the central city of Homs, an opposition stronghold. A rebel in Latakia, who identified himself as Mohammed Haffawi, told The Associated Press that the rebels were getting closer to the town of Haffa, which was captured by Assad's forces in June last year, and had killed dozens in the fighting.

Haffawi said the rebels captured about 400 Alawite villagers and pro-government gunmen on Monday. "They are in a safe place now and under the protection of the Free Syrian Army," he said, referring to key rebel group.

A Syrian activist also said the rebels had captured about 400 Alawites. He spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of government reprisals.

Meanwhile, Syria's state-run news agency SANA said government troops forced rebels out of three villages in Latakia that they had stormed earlier. It wasn't clear which villages the report was referring to but SANA said government troops had "killed dozens of terrorists, including Libyans and Tunisians."

Syria main's opposition bloc, the Western-backed Syrian National Coalition, hailed the rebel advance and said that Assad's troops had used the villages to attack rebel-held civilian areas. The SNC also charged that regime forces used toxic gas in a chemical weapons attack in the Damascus suburb of Adra on Monday and urged the international community to investigate the attack. The opposition has claimed more than a dozen such attacks across Syria and the latest purported attack could not be independently confirmed. □



Syrians wait outside a bakery shop to buy bread in Maaret Misreen, near Idlib, Syria. Syrian rebels on Monday captured four villages in the heartland of President Bashar Assad's minority Alawite sect as they fought government troops for the second straight day in the mountains overlooking the country's Mediterranean coast.

(AP Photo/Muhammed Muheisen)



# China, Russia halt some New Zealand dairy imports

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NICK PERRY**

**Associated Press  
WELLINGTON, New Zealand  
(AP)** — A botulism scare

has prompted China and Russia to stop importing some New Zealand dairy products, New Zealand officials said Monday, denting the country's reputation as a supplier of safe, high quality food.

New Zealand dairy giant Fonterra announced Saturday that hundreds of tons of infant formula, sports drinks and other products sold in seven countries could be tainted after tests found bacteria in whey protein concentrate that could cause botulism.

The import bans in Russia and China extend beyond the products now being specifically targeted for recall. How long those trade halts last could indicate the extent of the damage to New Zealand's reputation as a source of top-quality dairy products.

Dairy and other agricultural exports power the country's economy, and China is its single biggest export market. An indication of the seriousness of the threat to New Zealand's trade came over the weekend, when the government assigned 60 officials to work on the botulism scare. Fonterra is the world's fourth-largest dairy company, with annual rev-

enue of about \$16 billion. Consumers in China and elsewhere have been willing to pay a premium for New Zealand infant formula because of high food safety standards and

the popular image of the country as a remote, unspoiled environment. Chinese consumers have a special interest after tainted local milk formula killed six babies in 2008.

"As a mother, I am really angry to hear this kind of news," said Wang Qun, 24, who lives near Shanghai and feeds her 7-month-old son milk powder made by Dumex, one of the com-

panies recalling products. "I am surprised to hear that the problem has happened to a New Zealand milk producer. That should be the best place for milk." She said in the future she may not choose milk powder from New Zealand, but added: "I don't have many choices in China."

At a press conference Monday in Beijing, Fonterra's chief executive Theo Spierings offered an apology to anyone affected by the scare. "We really regret the distress and anxiety which this issue could have caused," he said.

Spierings said he'd flown to China to provide reassurance in person and because of the importance of the Chinese market to Fonterra. There have been no reported illnesses as a result of the contamination. The Centers for Disease Control describes botulism as a rare but sometimes fatal paralytic illness caused by a nerve toxin. □



**A woman carries a child past powdered milk products including cans of Dumex infant formula already inspected and deemed to be from a safe batch at a supermarket in Beijing, China, Monday, Aug. 5, 2013.**  
(AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

## Nigerian Islamist group accused of heinous crimes

**AMSTERDAM (AP)** — The prosecutor of the International Criminal Court says that after a preliminary investigation she believes that acts attributed to the Nigerian Islamist group Boko Haram are likely crimes against humanity. "Information available provides a reasonable basis to

believe that since July 2009 Boko Haram has launched a widespread and systematic attack that has resulted in the killing of more than 1,200 Christian and Muslim civilians in different locations throughout Nigeria," Fatou Bensouda wrote in a report issued Monday. She said the potential

crimes against humanity include murder and persecution. But she said she will only move to a full-fledged investigation after further study and depending on whether Nigerian authorities themselves are willing and able to prosecute "those who appear to bear the greatest responsibility."

Her report was based on evidence gathered through December 2012. Nigeria declared a state of emergency on May 14 to fight an Islamic uprising by militants in the northeast who want to impose Islamic law across a country divided almost equally between the predominantly Muslim north and mainly Christian south.

Boko Haram's center of

power is in the northeast, but last month Nigeria's army arrested 42 suspected Islamic extremists in the southwest states of Lagos and neighboring Ogun.

Bensouda noted that while that Nigerian government forces may also have violated human rights while conducting operations against Boko Haram, as of December 2012 there was no evidence they were targeting civilians.

The International Criminal Court is the world's permanent war crimes court, established in The Hague, Netherlands in 2002.

The prosecutor's office formally launched its investigation into the situation in Nigeria in November 2010. □

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Photo shows former Air Force Commander Gen. Fernando Matthei in Santiago, Chile. A Chilean judge has decided not to charge Matthei, the father of one presidential candidate, with the torture and murder of her rival's father in 1974. The retired general's daughter Evelyn Matthei is running for the center-right coalition against the victim's daughter, former President Michelle Bachelet. The presidential vote is Nov. 17.  
(AP Photo/Santiago Llanquin)

## Chile judge rejects charging Presidential candidate's dad

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Associated Press  
SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — A Chilean judge on Monday decided not to charge the father of one presidential candidate with the torture and murder of her rival's father in 1974. It's the second time in a year that Judge Mario Carroza has declined to charge Gen. Fernando Matthei for the torture that led to Gen. Alberto Bachelet's death. Human rights groups said they would appeal the decision. "We have enough precedents to appeal again," Alicia Lira, head of the Group of Families of the Politically Executed, told Radio Cooperativa. Lira said Matthei has acknowledged that he visited the Air War Academy where Bachelet was tortured and met with some

of the torturers. But both families have said Matthei had no direct involvement in the death of Bachelet, who was convicted by dictator Augusto Pinochet's military of being a traitor for not joining the 1973 coup that ousted Marxist President Salvador Allende. The retired general's daughter, Evelyn Matthei, is running as the center-right coalition's presidential candidate against the victim's daughter, former President Michelle Bachelet, who represents the center-left bloc. The election is Nov. 17, and opinion polls give a big lead to Bachelet, who was president in 2006-10. The two candidates were close in the 1960s. Their fathers served at the same military base and the girls were playmates at the same elementary school. Allende put Gen. Bachelet

in charge of overseeing food sales nationwide in 1972, as other high-ranking military officers were conspiring to end his presidency. Many products were in short supply as Allende's right-wing opponents, financed by the administration of U.S. President Richard Nixon, held back goods and instigated strikes to create a sense of chaos. The elder Bachelet remained loyal to Allende to the end. He refused to endorse the Sept. 11, 1973, coup even after Allende committed suicide while making his last stand in the bombed-out La Moneda presidential palace. Bachelet was arrested the same day, convicted that December and survived in prison until March 12, 1974. A forensic study found the general probably died of heart problems caused by torture at the academy. □

## Amnesty International names 5 Cubans 'prisoners of conscience'

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HAVANA (AP) — Amnesty International designated five Cubans detained on the island as "prisoners of conscience" on Sunday and called for their immediate release. The New York-based human rights watchdog highlighted the cases of Rafael Matos Montes de Oca, Emilio Planas Robert and brothers Alexeis, Diango and Vianco Vargas Martin. It said they have been held for months in eastern provincial lockups. "These five cases are only the tip of the iceberg for Cuba's repression of free speech," Amnesty special adviser Javier Zuniga said in a statement.

Cuban officials, who did not respond to a request for comment Sunday, deny holding any political prisoners. The government and its supporters call dissidents "counterrevolutionaries" and "mercenaries" who take foreign money to try to undermine the island's Communist system. Cuba has cleared its jails of internationally recognized prisoners of conscience in recent years. In April 2011, the last of 75 dissidents and activists sentenced to long prison terms after a 2003 crackdown walked free under a deal brokered by the Roman Catholic Church. Many went into exile with their families. At the time, Amnesty said it no longer recognized any

prisoners of conscience in Cuba. On several occasions since then it designated islanders as political prisoners and they were released days, weeks or months later. Most recently, Amnesty said, independent journalist Calixto Martinez was named a prisoner of conscience in January and freed in April after nearly seven months without formal charge. The five named Sunday are the only ones Amnesty currently recognizes as prisoners of conscience in Cuba. Amnesty said Matos Montes de Oca and Planas Robert were convicted of "dangerousness" or "special proclivity to commit crimes," a statute that can be broadly interpreted.

It said they were arrested in late September after anti-government posters were put up in the eastern city of Guantanamo. Both belong to a dissident group called the Patriotic Union of Cuba. The Vargas Martin brothers are the sons of a member of the Ladies in White opposition group. Alexeis was arrested Nov. 27 in Santiago as he tried to return to his home, which had been surrounded by pro-government counter-protesters, Amnesty said. The group said his 17-year-old twin brothers were arrested Dec. 2 as they protested his detention outside a police station. Police have accused the three of using violence or intimidation against authorities, but

no formal charges have been filed. Zuniga gave Cuba credit for scrapping a long-standing exit visa requirement earlier this year that had made it difficult for islanders to travel abroad and was frequently denied to dissidents, but he said repression of free speech remains. "Much more needs to be done to guarantee civil and political liberties in the country," he said. A spokesman for the non-governmental Cuban Commission for Human Rights and National Reconciliation, which tracks arrests of dissidents, said it was monitoring the five men and considers their punishments out of line with the alleged violations. □



# Uruguay sees flood of gay couples seeking marriage

**PABLO FERNANDEZ**  
**Associated Press**  
**MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay**  
**(AP)** — A gay couple

another pair was married first Monday after getting special permission for a rushed wedding at a hos-

civil registry worker who officiated at the hospital wedding. She said that the ceremo-

patient's cancer was so advanced.

"They had been waiting for the law to take effect so that they could get married," said Salaberry, who did not identify the couple. Civil Registry Director Adolfo Orellano confirmed that the hospital ceremony was Uruguay's first same-sex wedding.

Earlier Monday, TV producer Sergio Miranda and artist Rodrigo Borda, partners for 14 years, were the first to register.

"This is an historic day for us and for the country," Borda said. "No longer will there be first- and second-class citizens. This will be seen in many countries where this option still isn't possible, and hopefully help people in those places live more freely."

Uruguay is the third country in the Americas, after Canada and Argentina, to legalize gay marriage. President Jose Mujica's government also decriminalized abortion and expects

senate approval soon for a government-managed marijuana industry.

"This will help so that many people can say, 'I went with my boyfriend to walk in the park,' and not have to invent that they have a girlfriend or something like that," Miranda said.

"There are people who constantly live a double-life," Borda added. "That's why we've made this so visible, to show that it can be done. We're in a country that has a very open mind right now — you can see it in the people and in the street."

Borda said U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay Julissa Reynoso is a friend who has been invited to the couple's wedding.

The U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires on Monday announced an "LGBT Go" campaign, inviting people to apply for up to 60,000 pesos (about \$11,000) in grants for projects that protect and strengthen gay rights in Argentina. □



**Rodrigo Borda, left, and his partner Sergio Miranda watch a Civil Registry worker take down their information to apply to get married in Montevideo, Uruguay, Monday, Aug. 5, 2013. Today Uruguay's new gay marriage law goes into effect.** (AP Photo/Matilde Campodonico)

showed up before dawn to be the first to register under Uruguay's new "marriage equality law," but

pital where one of the men is dying of cancer.

"It was very emotional," said Luisa Salaberry, the

ny was intimate and that the government waived the usual 10 days of bureaucracy because the

# Argentine government agent held in candidate burglary

**MICHAEL WARREN**  
**Associated Press**  
**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina**  
**(AP)** — Argentine investigators have arrested a government intelligence agent in a burglary of the home of a leading opposition candidate, whose bloc could sway the balance of power in congress.

Security camera videos released Monday show Tigre Mayor Sergio Massa's home was robbed on July 20, allegedly by Coast Guard officer Alcides Diaz Gorgonio, who was detained hours after the crime.

While Massa stopped short of blaming the government for the burglary, he also said he would not be intimidated. The agent's boss, meanwhile, suggested that Massa was twisting a common crime into a political scandal.

Diaz works in the security ministry's intelligence unit under Deputy Security Minister Sergio Berni, who answers to President Cristina Fernandez. The

videos show a man, allegedly Diaz, breaking into the house and carrying a pistol with a silencer. Massa said

that I could be frightened by this political maneuver, they are mistaken," said Massa. Massa used to be

slate in this year's midterm elections.

In a radio interview Monday, Berni claimed that

government.

"We are at the doors of a political scandal," Berni said.

Massa's effort to create a third force in the politically polarized country has been peeling supporters away from Fernandez. If his slate does well in Sunday's primary and then wins on Oct. 17, the government could lose the two-thirds majority it needs to change the constitution. That would end any possibility of modifying term limits to let Fernandez expand her presidency past 2015.

Massa said the burglary case is in the hands of a local prosecutor, Mariano Magaz, who has not discarded political dirty-tricks as a motive.

Massa said Magaz ordered him not to publicize the crime to avoid compromising the investigation.

He said he made it public only after a local newspaper accused him of covering up the burglary to avoid staining his anti-crime credentials. □



**Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez, left, and her Chief of Cabinet Sergio Massa at the presidential residence in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Argentina's leading opposition candidate for congress and mayor of Buenos Aires' Tigre district Sergio Massa, was robbed at his home on July 20, 2013, allegedly by Alcides Diaz Gorgonio, a navy intelligence agent who works in the security ministry under Sergio Berni, who answers to the president.**

(AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)

the gun was used during the burglary to destroy a security camera.

"If someone fantasized

Fernandez's Cabinet chief but split from the ruling Front for Victory party and is leading an opposition

Massa and the prosecutor "have a lot of explaining to do" for withholding information from the federal





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At Caribbean Palm Village Resort:

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Philemon is a very special person, Muller explains. He arrived here six years ago from Haiti, joining two of his brothers already living on the island. He got his first break at Caribbean Speed Printing, and from there on



he found his way to the resort, at the time, under the same ownership as the printing plant. With remarkable dedication and patience, Philemon taught himself Papiamentu so he could communicate with his colleagues, and both basic English & basic Spanish to be able to speak to resort guests. During his five years of impeccable ser-

vice Philemon distinguished himself repeatedly for going the extra mile, and for truly integrating and doing his share, to nurture a positive work environment and exceptional collaboration in his department. Philemon who loves to go fishing in his spare time, also enjoys the beach, he is an avid soccer fan and an enthusiastic walker. He

frequently lends a hand to charity projects, and supports his fellow islanders, from Aruba his new home and from Haiti, his motherland. Still in search of a partner in life, he reports he is waiting for the right person to come along, meanwhile he does his best to contribute to the success of Caribbean Palm Village Resort and his community. □

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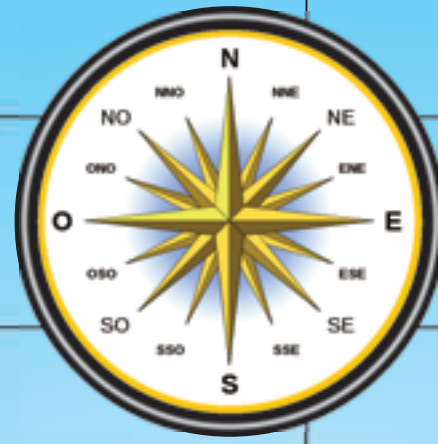
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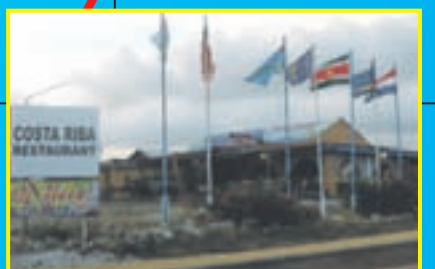
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## Alex Rodriguez, others suspended by MLB for drugs

**RONALD BLUM**  
AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez was suspended through 2014 and All-Stars Nelson Cruz, Jhonny Peralta and Everth Cabrera were banned 50 games apiece Monday when Major League Baseball disciplined 13 players in a drug case — the most sweeping punishment since the Black Sox scandal nearly a century ago.

Ryan Braun's 65-game suspension last month and previous penalties bring to 18 the total number of players sanctioned for their relationship to Biogenesis of America, a closed anti-aging clinic in Florida accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs.

The harshest penalty was reserved for Rodriguez, the New York Yankees slugger, a three-time Most Valuable Player and baseball's highest-paid star. He said he would appeal his suspension, which covers 211 games, by Thursday's deadline. And since arbitrator Fredric Horowitz isn't expected to rule until November or December, Rodriguez is free to play the



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez jokes around at U.S. Cellular Field before an MLB baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and New York Yankees in Chicago, Monday, Aug. 5, 2013. Associated Press

rest of this season.

The other 12 players have already agreed to their 50-game penalties.

MLB said A-Rod's drug penalty was for "his use and possession of numerous forms of prohibited performance-enhancing substances, including testosterone and human growth hormone over the course of multiple years."

His punishment under the labor contract was "for attempting to cover up his violations of the program by engaging in a course of conduct intended to obstruct and frustrate the office of the commissioner's investigation."

Rodriguez admitted four years ago that he used performance-enhancing drugs while with Texas from 2001-03, but has repeatedly denied using them since. Sidelined since hip surgery in January, Rodriguez was due to make his season debut for the Yankees five hours after the suspension, in a series opener at the Chicago White Sox.

"I am disappointed with the penalty and intend to appeal and fight this through the process."

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Flavia Penetta of Italy tosses the ball to serve to Urszula Radwanska of Poland during first round Rogers Cup women's tennis action in Toronto on Monday, Aug. 5, 2013.

Associated Press

## Pennetta, Wickmayer advance at Rogers Cup

**TORONTO (AP)** — Flavia Pennetta and Yanina Wickmayer advanced to the second round of the Rogers Cup on Monday. Pennetta defeated Urszula Radwanska 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, and Wickmayer ousted American Bethanie Mattek-Sands 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Mattek-Sands replaced Britain's Laura Robson, who

pulled out because of a right wrist injury. Known for colorful outfits, Mattek-Sands wore black socks and wrist bands with a streak of green in her blonde hair.

In other matches, Mona Barthel edged Jie Zheng 6-7 (3), 6-3, 7-6 (1), and Dominika Cibulkova topped Jana Cepelova 7-5, 6-4. Sorana

Cirstea defeated qualifier Olga Savchuk 6-2, 6-3.

The 32nd-ranked Robson was coming off a strong performance at Wimbledon where she reached the fourth round — the first British woman to do so since 1998.

Later, 14th-ranked American Sloane Stephens was scheduled to play Kristina Mladenovic. □



## WNBA Capsules

## Lynx beat Storm for 18th straight home win

The Associated Press  
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Lindsay Whalen scored 22 points, Seimone Augustus added 18 and the Minnesota Lynx beat the Seattle Storm 90-72 Sunday for their 18th straight home win. Rebekkah Brunson had 12 points and 11 rebounds and Maya Moore scored 16 points as Minnesota (16-3) extended its overall winning streak to nine games. Minnesota's home win streak, dating back to last season, is tied with the 2010-11 Storm teams for the third longest streak in WNBA history. Los Angeles won a record 28 straight at home from 2000-02 and 19 in a row from 2012-13. Shekinna Stricklen led Seattle (8-11) with 24 points. Tina Thompson had 12 and Tanisha Wright 10. The Storm cut a 31-point second-half deficit to 13

midway through the fourth quarter before the Lynx regained control down the stretch.

SILVER STARS 69, SHOCK 65  
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Danielle Robinson scored 19 points, Jia Perkins had 18 as San Antonio won its third straight home game.

Danielle Adams added 14 points and Jayne Appel had nine points and 13 rebounds for San Antonio (7-13).

Glory Johnson scored 19 points and Liz Cambage added 16 for Tulsa (7-15), which has lost two of three. With the Silver Stars leading by four in the final minute, Robinson was fouled twice and made all four free throws to help secure the win. Tulsa followed each pair with a 3-pointer — the latter by Jennifer Lacy that pulled the Shock to 67-65 with 19 seconds remaining.

Perkins and Robinson each made a free throw in the final 17 seconds to close out the victory.

SPARKS 75, MYSTICS 57  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Nneka Ogumike had 22 points and 10 rebounds, Lindsey Harding added 11 points and a career-high 14 assists as Los Angeles beat Washington.

Jantel Lavender had 13 points and 10 rebounds for her first double-double of the year, Marissa Coleman scored 11 points and Ebony Hoffman added 10 for the Sparks (13-7).

Harding came within two assists of the league's all-time record of 16, set twice by Ticha Penicheiro, and within one of the team mark also set by Penicheiro in 2010.

Los Angeles was without leading scorer and rebounder Candace Parker



Minnesota Lynx guard Seimone Augustus (33) goes up for a shot against Seattle Storm forward Camille Little (20) in the first half of a WNBA basketball game, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013, in Minneapolis. Associated Press

with a wrist injury for the second straight game.

Crystal Langhorne scored 23 points for the Mystics (9-12), who lost their third straight game and fifth in

their last six.

Around the WNBA it was Los Angeles 75, Washington 57; San Antonio 69, Tulsa 65; and Minnesota 90, Seattle 72. □

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## Alex Rodriguez

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I am eager to get back on the field and be with my teammates in Chicago tonight," Rodriguez said in Chicago. He arrived at U.S. Cellular Field in a dark Cadillac, wearing a dark suit. A-Rod waved at fans about 100 feet away behind barricades, and went into a side entrance.

The suspensions are thought to be the most at once for off-the-field conduct since 1921, when Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis banned eight Chicago White Sox players for life for throwing the 1919 World Series against Cincinnati: Shoeless Joe Jackson, Eddie Cicotte, Happy Felsh, Chick Gandil, Fred McMullen, Charles "Swede" Risberg, Buck Weaver and Claude "Lefty" Williams. They had been suspended by the team the previous year and were penalized by baseball even though they had been acquitted of criminal charges.

As for the modern-day All-Stars, Cruz, an outfielder, leads Texas in RBIs and Peralta has been a top hitter and slick-fielding shortstop for Detroit, a pair of teams in the midst of pennant races. They will be eligible to return for the postsea-



In these 2013 file photos are, top row from left; Texas Rangers' Nelson Cruz, Detroit Tigers' Jhonny Peralta, San Diego Padres' Everth Cabrera, New York Yankees' Francisco Cervelli, Philadelphia Phillies' Antonio Bastardo and San Diego Padres' Fautino de los Santos. Bottom row from left are: Houston Astro's Sergio Escalona, Houston Astros' Fernando Martinez, now with the New York Yankees, Seattle Mariners' Jesus Montero, New York Mets' Cesar Puello, New York Mets' Jordan Valdespin and Oakland Athletics' Jordan Norberto. Alex Rodriguez remained the lone holdout while All-Stars Nelson Cruz, Jhonny Peralta and Everth Cabrera were among 12 players who accepted 50-game penalties from Major League Baseball on Monday, Aug. 5, 2013, as part of its Biogenesis drug investigation, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

Associated Press

son.

Others agreeing included Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli and outfielder Fernando Martinez; Philadelphia pitcher Antonio Bastardo; Seattle catcher Jesus Montero; New York Mets infielder Jordany Valdespin and outfielder Cesar Puello; Houston pitcher Sergio Escalona; and free agent pitchers Fautino De Los Santos and Jordan Norberto.

While the players' association has fought many drug penalties over the past three decades, attitudes of its membership have shifted sharply in recent years and union staff encouraged settlements in the Biogenesis probe.

"The accepted suspensions announced today are consistent with the punishments set forth in the Joint Drug Agreement, and were arrived at only after

hours of intense negotiations between the bargaining parties, the players and their representatives," union head Michael Weiner said.

"For the player appealing, Alex Rodriguez, we agree with his decision to fight his suspension.

We believe that the Commissioner has not acted appropriately ... The union, consistent with its history, will defend his rights vigor-

ously.

"The union's members have made it clear that they want a clean game," he added. "They support efforts to discipline players, and harshly, to help ensure an even playing field for all."

A-Rod intimated Friday that New York did not want him to return; Yankees answered Monday with a prepared statement:

"We are compelled to address certain reckless and false allegations concerning the Yankees' role in this matter," the team said.

"The New York Yankees in no way instituted and/or assisted MLB in the direction of this investigation; or used the investigation as an attempt to avoid its responsibilities under a player contract; or did its medical staff fail to provide the appropriate standard of care to Alex Rodriguez."

Baseball's drug agreement says the appeal hearing shall start no later than 20 days after the filing of the grievance and the arbitrator is charged with making a decision 25 days after the hearing starts. However, the schedule can be altered by agreement of management and the union. Weiner says a settlement is possible but not likely. □

# Derek Jeter has strained calf, return uncertain

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The New York Yankees could be losing shortstop Derek Jeter again — to yet another leg injury.

An MRI exam revealed that Jeter has a strained right calf, the latest setback in a year already full of injuries for the team captain. The Yankees hope to know more about his condition before Monday night's game at the Chicago White Sox.

"Who knows?" Jeter said when asked if he'd be shut down again. "I'm tired of trying to speculate. It's frustrating, so we'll see what happens tomorrow.

"It's been terrible, like a nightmare," he added af-

ter the Yankees' 6-3 loss to San Diego on Sunday. "The whole season's been a nightmare, so I really don't know what to tell you. I wish that wasn't the case, we were sitting here talking about something other than injuries. We'll see what happens. I have no idea." Jeter, 38, didn't play Saturday or Sunday against the Padres. "The odd thing is there was no play where it happened," Jeter said. "Usually, you feel it in a particular play, but I didn't feel it in any particular play. We got to L.A., I started to feel it Monday night, Tuesday on the off day after Sunday's game.

"It's different because

when I did it last time, I felt it. I was running to first base, and I felt it. This time I didn't feel anything when I was playing. It was later on that night, the next day. So I can't pinpoint when it happened. I don't know when it happened. Maybe adrenaline got me through it. Anything would be speculation (if) I try to figure out when I did it."

It did appear that Jeter took an awkward step while making a play in Friday night's 7-2 loss to San Diego. He also had an awkward slide into third base.

In announcing Jeter's latest injury, manager Joe Girardi said: "I can't tell you what that means or what we're



New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter tries to get a grip on the ball after fielding a hard grounder hit by San Diego Padres' Nick Hundley in the seventh inning of a baseball game in San Diego, Friday, Aug. 2, 2013. Jeter threw to second but the throw was wide. Associated Press

going to do with him. I'm not sure what we're going to do considering where we are at this point of the year." Asked before the game if he's concerned that Jeter keeps getting hurt, the manager said: "I

think that if he had a normal spring training and he wasn't coming off an injury like he did, I don't think these things would be happening. My guess is next year will be different, but only time will tell. □



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## NL Capsules

# Braves beat Phillies 4-1 for 10th straight win

**The Associated Press**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Chris Johnson drove in a pair of runs and Alex Wood pitched six strong innings to lead the Atlanta Braves to their 10th straight victory, 4-1 over the slumping Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday. Wood (2-2) allowed one run on two hits in his fourth major league start. The unorthodox 22-year-old rookie left-hander, who configures his body in an unusual way during his delivery, struck out three and walked two.

Johnson, who entered leading the league in batting, hit a two-run single in the first to stake the Braves to an early lead. Justin Upton and B.J. Upton each had a pair of hits with a double apiece for Atlanta, which matched its season-best winning streak.

Philadelphia managed just four hits while dropping its fifth straight and 13th in the last 14.

**PIRATES 5, ROCKIES 1**

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — A.J. Burnett allowed eight hits and Russell Martin provided some rare run support for the right-hander with a three-run homer to lead the Pirates over the Rockies.

Burnett (5-7) struck out nine and walked one in his first complete game of the season and 23rd of his 15-year career. He threw 110 pitches, 83 for strikes.

Martin's home run came in the fifth inning and put the Pirates ahead 5-0. Burnett hasn't gotten much backing this season, and owns a losing record despite a 2.73 ERA.

The Pirates, who have the best record in the major leagues at 67-44 following 20 consecutive losing seasons, maintained their 1½-

game lead in the NL Central over St. Louis.

Colorado starter Juan Nicasio (6-6) struggled for a second consecutive start, giving four runs and six hits in 4 1-3 innings with three walks and four strikeouts. He allowed a career-high eight runs in his previous start Tuesday at Atlanta.

**DODGERS 1, CUBS 0**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — A.J. Ellis hit an RBI single and Stephen Fife pitched into the sixth inning as Los Angeles extended its franchise-record road winning streak to 14 with a win over Chicago.

The Dodgers haven't lost on the road since July 6 in San Francisco. The NL record for consecutive road wins is 17 by the New York Giants in 1916. Detroit was the last to win 14 straight in 1984.

The Cubs haven't scored for 23 straight innings.

Fife (4-3) struck out five and allowed seven hits in 5 1-3 scoreless innings. Kenley Jansen struck out the side in the ninth for his 17th save in 20 opportunities.

Cubs starter Carlos Villanueva (2-8) allowed a run and two hits in six innings.

**CARDINALS 15, REDS 2**

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Matt Carpenter broke his 0-for-23 slump with a bases-loaded double during the Cardinals' decisive rally as St. Louis ended a tough trip on the upswing by beating Cincinnati.

The Cardinals went 3-8 on a trip that included seven straight losses — four of them in Pittsburgh, allowing the Pirates to overtake them for the NL Central lead.

Carpenter's two-run double off the wall completed a five-run rally in the sixth against Mike Leake (10-



**Atlanta Braves' Alex Wood throws a pitch in the first inning of a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013, in Philadelphia.**  
**Associated Press**

5) and two relievers. Matt Adams, David Freese and Tony Cruz homered for the Cardinals, who have scored 13, 13, 3 and 15 runs in their last four games.

Lance Lynn (13-5) allowed two runs on four hits in eight innings. He struck out 11.

**BREWERS 8, NATIONALS 5**

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Jeff Bianchi lofted a single that dropped just behind a drawn-in infield, breaking a tie and capping a five-run sixth inning as Milwaukee beat Washington.

With the score tied 4-4 and runners at second and third, Bianchi's soft bloop off Fernando Abad (0-3) dropped in back of second base as Anthony Rendon raced back to make a play. It allowed Khris Davis to score from third and Juan Francisco to just beat the throw home with a perfect slide.

John Axford (5-4) allowed

a home run to Adam LaRoche in the top of the sixth but nothing else to earn the win. Jim Henderson pitched the ninth for his 15th save in 18 chances.

Milwaukee snapped a three-game losing streak.

**INTERLEAGUE**

**INDIANS 2, MARLINS 0**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Scott Kazmir and three relievers combined on a four-hitter as Cleveland beat Miami for its 10th win in 11 games.

The shutout was the 15th for the Indians, most in the American League. They took two of three games in the series despite scoring a total of only six runs. The Indians, who are chasing AL Central-leading Detroit, begin a four-game series at home Monday against the Tigers.

Lonnie Chisenhall and Michael Brantley drove in the Indians' runs, and that was enough for Kazmir (7-

4). Making his 200th career appearance, the left-hander allowed two hits in six innings.

Nathan Eovaldi (2-2) allowed only one run in seven innings but left after throwing 105 pitches.

**ROYALS 6, METS 2**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Ervin Santana allowed five hits and allowed one run in six innings as surging Kansas City beat New York.

The Royals won for the 11th time in 12 games, helped by a pair of flyballs that right fielder Marlon Byrd lost in the sun. Both came during a three-run fifth, with one falling for a double and the other glancing off his glove for an error.

Mike Moustakas hit a solo homer for the Royals, who completed an 8-1 road trip.

Santana (8-6) has three wins and a no-decision in his past four starts. □



## AL Capsules

# Holland stellar over 8 innings in 4-0 Rangers win

**The Associated Press**

**OAKLAND, California (AP)**

— Derek Holland gave up four hits in eight stellar innings and Nelson Cruz and Mitch Moreland each hit a home run as Ron Washington became the most successful manager in Rangers history as Texas beat the Oakland Athletics 4-0 on Sunday.

Adrian Beltre had two hits and drove in a run for the Rangers, who have won six of seven to move within 2 1-2 games of the AL West-leading Athletics.

Nate Freiman had two hits for the A's, who have lost four of five.

Holland (9-6) walked two and matched his season high with 10 strikeouts to end a personal two-game losing streak.

A.J. Griffith (10-8) lasted 6 2-3 innings, allowing four runs — three earned — on five hits. He walked one and struck out seven. Griffin has allowed a majors-leading 28 home runs in 2013 and became the first



**Texas Rangers' Derek Holland works against the Oakland Athletics in the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013, in Oakland, Calif.**  
**Associated Press**

Oakland pitcher to give up two or more in four straight starts since Mark Redman in 2007.

Washington, who coached for Oakland for several years, passed Bobby Valentine with his 582nd win.

**TIGERS 3, WHITE SOX 2, 12 INNINGS**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Torii Hunter hit an RBI single in the 12th inning as Detroit extended Chicago's losing streak to 10 games.

Miguel Cabrera, who has

been dealing with hip and abdominal problems, led off the 12th with a pinch-hit single. Matt Tuiasosopo ran for him and went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Austin Jackson. Hunter, who came on as replacement, lined a single to left-center off Dylan Axelrod (3-8).

Bruce Rondon (1-1) pitched two scoreless innings for his first career win. The Tigers, who have won 12 of 13, take a three-game lead in the AL Central into a four-game series at second-place Cleveland.

**MARINERS 3, ORIOLES 2 BALTIMORE (AP)** — Seldom-used Henry Blanco hit a two-run homer in the seventh off Chen Wei-yin as Seattle beat Baltimore behind left-hander Joe Saunders.

Batting ninth in the lineup, the 41-year-old Blanco sent an 0-2 pitch into the left-field seats to erase a 2-1 deficit. The backup catcher was playing in his

32nd game of the season, the 17th with Seattle after being signed as a free agent.

Saunders (10-10) worked out of trouble in almost every inning but improved to 7-0 lifetime against Baltimore after allowing two runs, eight hits and two walks in six innings.

Chen (6-4) gave up three runs and five hits over seven innings in his first loss since May 1.

**BLUE JAYS 6, ANGELS 5**

**ANAHEIM, California (AP)**

— Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion drove in the tying and go-ahead runs with two-out singles in the ninth as Toronto beat Los Angeles to avoid a four-game sweep. Mark Trumbo hit a three-run homer and Mike Trout also went deep against Mark Buehrle, helping the Angels build a 5-2 lead for C.J. Wilson. But the Blue Jays rallied with two in the eighth, as Angels manager Mike Scioscia used five pitchers to get out of the inning. □



**Dallas Cowboys outside linebacker DeVonte Holloman (57) intercepts a pass intended for Miami Dolphins wide receiver Chad Bumphis (16) in the second quarter from at the Pro Football Hall of Fame exhibition football game Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013, in Canton, Ohio. Holloman ran it back for 75-yards for a touchdown.**  
**Associated Press**

**By BARRY WILNER**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

**CANTON, Ohio (AP)** - Sometimes, when youth is

served, it pays off.

Ask Dallas Cowboys coach Jason Garrett about that and see him smile.

## Rookie's INT for TD lifts Dallas over Miami, 24-20

Rookie Devonte Holloman's 75-yard interception return with a tipped pass keyed the Cowboys' 24-20 victory over the Miami Dolphins in the Hall of Fame game Sunday night that opened the NFL's preseason.

Dallas also got a strong effort from its relatively inexperienced running backs, from some youngsters on the offensive line, and by a defense making the switch to the 4-3 alignment under new coordinator Monte Kiffin.

"Any time you can give young players an extra chance to play in a game, they grow," Garrett said. "With an extra preseason game, it makes sense to give those young guys an opportunity to play."

Holloman, a sixth-round pick from South Carolina was perfectly situated

when rookie Chad Bumphis had Matt Moore's pass go off his hands in the second quarter.

"I thought about it the whole way here and it actually happened," he said of making a big play, after which he got his "first handshake from coach Garrett." The linebacker sped toward the end zone with a group of blockers escorting him, and after he scored he tightly clutched the ball as he headed to the Dallas sideline.

"I had a celebration in my mind, but I was overwhelmed and decided to celebrate with my teammates," he said.

"It was fantastic, a really great play from him," Garrett said. "We were swarming to the football, had a lot of guys around the quarterback, and then the ball pops in the air and

he makes a great play and great run." Bumphis otherwise had a strong game with five receptions for 85 yards. "I feel like I can create mismatches in the slot," said Bumphis, who was undrafted out of Mississippi State. "Just get open. I'm a good receiver when it comes to getting in and out of my breaks, and that's where I feel like I'm my best." The Cowboys controlled most of the game one night after their former offensive lineman, Larry Allen, and former coach, Bill Parcells, were inducted into the hall.

Quarterback Tony Romo, coming off back surgery to remove a cyst, sat out for Dallas. So the Cowboys turned to their ground game - and ground down Miami as few regulars got onto the field. Miami's mistakes were decisive. □



# IDC: Tablet shipments slow down with no new iPad

ANICK JESDANUN

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — World-wide shipments of tablet computers slowed down in the second quarter because Apple didn't release a new model of its trend-setting iPad, research firm IDC said Monday.

Shipments totaled 45.1 million units in the April-June period, down nearly 10 percent from the first three months of the year. Still the second-quarter total is up nearly 60 percent from a year ago, a sign that the market continues to grow. "A new iPad launch always piques consumer interest in the tablet category and traditionally that has helped both Apple and its competitors," said Tom Mainelli, a research director at IDC. "With no new iPads, the market slowed for many vendors."

Apple normally releases a new iPad in the spring, but it has moved toward updating products in the fall to take advantage of the lucrative holiday shopping season. That means people who want iPads may be holding out for a new model. Samsung and other rivals have released new tablet models this spring, but IDC says those launches didn't get the spillover boost that a new iPad would have provided. Mainelli said he expects weakness to continue in the July-September period, but tablet shipments should pick up again in the holiday quarter, when Apple and others are expected to release new products. Besides a new iPad, Amazon.com Inc. is likely to refresh its Kindle Fire line, while Google Inc. is expected to come out with a new 10-inch Nexus model. The company released a new 7-inch Nexus last week. Apple remains the leading maker of tablets, with 14.6 million shipped in the April-June period. But as disclosed in the company's earnings report last month, shipments fell 14 percent from a year ago. IDC says Apple's market share fell to 32 percent in the second quarter, com-

pared with 60 percent in the same period in 2012. Samsung Electronics Co., maker of the Galaxy line of phones and tablets, saw shipments nearly quadruple to 8.1 million in the second quarter. That gave Samsung a market share of 18 percent, up from 7.6 percent a year earlier. AsusTek Computer Inc., which makes the Nexus 7 for Google along with its own branded tablets, was No. 3 with 2 million tablets. It was followed by Lenovo Group with 1.5 million and Acer Inc. with 1.4 million. Microsoft Corp., maker of the Surface tablets, dropped out of the top five after coming in at No. 5 in the first quarter, according to IDC. Amazon also lost its top-five status. It had been No. 4 in the first quarter. □



This March 16, 2012 file photo shows a customer talking with an Apple worker, in blue, inside an Apple store on the first day of the launch of the new iPad, in San Francisco.

Associated Press.

# Japan launches talking humanoid robot into space



In this June 26, 2013, humanoid communication robot Kirobo is shown during a press unveiling in Tokyo. The first talking humanoid robot "astronaut" has taken off in a rocket.

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japan has launched the world's first talking humanoid robot "astronaut" toward the International Space Station. Kirobo — derived from the Japanese words for "hope" and "robot" — was among five tons of supplies and machinery on a rocket launched Sunday from Tanegashima in southwestern Japan, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA, said. The childlike robot was designed to be a companion for astronaut Koichi Wakata and will communicate with another robot on Earth, according to developers. Wakata is expected to arrive at the space station in November. Robot designer Tomotaka Takahashi, of the University of Tokyo, advertiser Dentsu and automaker Toyota Motor Corp. worked on the robot. The challenge was making sure it could move and talk where there was no gravity.

Ahead of the launch, the 34-centimeter (13-inch) tall Kirobo told reporters, "one small step for me, a giant leap for robots."

Japan boasts the most sophisticated robotics in the world, but because of its "manga" culture, it tends to favor cute robots with human-like characteristics with emotional appeal, a use of technology that has at times drawn criticism for being not productive.

But Takahashi said sending a robot into space could help write a new chapter in the history of communication.

"I wish for this robot to function as a mediator between person and machine, or person and Internet and sometimes even between people," he said.

JAXA said the rocket launch was successful, and the separation of a cargo vehicle, carrying the robot to the space station, was confirmed about 15 minutes after liftoff. □



# Stocks slip on a quiet day on Wall Street

MATTHEW CRAFT  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A quiet day of trading left U.S. stock indexes mixed Monday.

There was little in the way of news to shake the market out of a summertime stupor, other than a report from the Institute for Supply Management that the U.S. service sector expanded in July, helped by a rise in new orders.

It was the latest piece of data that economists and investors puzzled through as they try to judge how well the U.S. economy is doing.

Last Thursday, the ISM reported that manufacturing increased last month. The next day, the government reported that companies weren't hiring as many workers as economists had predicted. The report out Monday wasn't enough to drive the market above its already high levels.

"I think it's flat for a reason," said Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at U.S. Bank's wealth management group. "With broad indexes near all-

time highs, we're due for a pause."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index breached 1,700 points for the first time last week. An improving U.S. economy and rising corporate profits have helped push the index up 19.7 percent this year.

The S&P 500 index slipped 2.53 points, or 0.2 percent, to close at 1,707.14 on Monday. Utilities led eight of the 10 industry groups in the index lower. Technology and consumer-staples companies eked out gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 46.23 points, or 0.3 percent, to 15,612.13.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 3.36 points, or 0.09 percent, to 3,692.95.

Apple, the biggest company in the Nasdaq, rose after news that President Barack Obama's administration prevented a ban on imports of some iPhones and iPads. Apple gained \$6.91, or 1 percent, to \$469.45.

In June, the U.S. International Trade Commission ruled that the Apple devices violated a



Specialist John Urbanowicz, left, and trader Timothy Nick work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. A quiet day of trading left U.S. stock indexes mixed Monday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

patent held by Samsung and issued the ban. The Obama administration had 60 days to decide whether to let it take effect.

Among other companies in the news, Berkshire Hathaway crept higher on the first day of trading after its earnings report. Warren Buffett's conglomerate posted a 46 percent rise in profit late Friday, easily beating Wall

Street's estimates. Berkshire reported big paper gains on the value of its derivative contracts and higher earnings from its BNSF railroad. Its stock edged up 41 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$118.23. Big companies have been reporting better second-quarter results. Analysts estimate that earnings for companies in the S&P 500 increased 4.4 percent over the same pe-

riod a year earlier.

In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year Treasury climbed to 2.64 percent from 2.60 percent in late Friday trading.

The dollar edged lower against the Japanese yen and rose slightly against the euro. Gold fell \$8.10 to \$1,302.40 an ounce and oil fell 38 cents to \$106.50 a barrel.

Trading volume was well below average. Just 2.5 billion shares were traded on the New York Stock Exchange, versus a recent average of 3.4 billion.

Among other stocks making big moves:

— CBS and Time Warner Cable both fell. The companies are involved in a dispute over fees that left CBS signals blocked in Time Warner Cable's systems in New York, Los Angeles and Dallas. CBS fell 67 cents, or 1 percent, to \$53.86 and Time Warner Cable fell 68 cents, 0.6 percent, to \$116.42.

—Revlon jumped after announcing that it will buy Colomer Group, which sells hair dye and other products to beauty salons. Revlon rose \$1.66, or 7 percent, to \$26.16.

—Tyson Foods, the nation's biggest meat producer, rose after announcing that its quarterly profits more than tripled. Tyson rose \$1.18, or 4 percent, to \$29.69. □

## EU watchdog approves US Airways, AMR merger

AMSTERDAM (AP) — European authorities have cleared US Airways Group Inc.'s proposed merger with American Airlines' parent company, AMR Corp. — on the condition that they give up one slot at London's Heathrow airport and take steps to foster competition on the London-Philadelphia route.

The merger and restructuring plan, which would create the world's biggest airline, must still be approved by a U.S. federal judge before AMR can emerge from bankruptcy, with a hearing expected Aug. 15. "This represents one of the final milestones on our path to becoming the new American Airlines," said AMR CEO Tom Horton.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Justice is still reviewing the deal amid complaints

that it could lead to reduced competition and higher fares in the U.S.

Joaquin Almunia, the top competition official at the Eu-

ropean Commission, the EU's executive branch, said in a statement that the Philadelphia route would have been monopolized without conces-



American Airlines and US Airways jets prepare for flight at a gate at the Philadelphia International Airport in Philadelphia. European authorities cleared US Airways Group Inc.'s proposed merger with American Airlines' parent company, AMR Corp., Monday, Aug. 5, 2013, on the condition that they give up one slot at London's Heathrow airport and take steps to foster competition on the London-Philadelphia route.

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sions agreed to provisionally by the two airlines.

"On all other trans-Atlantic routes affected by the merger the combined entity will continue to face competition from other strong competitors," including groups led by Delta, United, and Virgin, he said. European approval for the deal has long been expected, but in the U.S. the situation may be more complicated, despite approval for the deal last week by US Airways shareholders.

In addition to the Justice Department, a number of states have asked for insight into the deal's details, presumably to ensure that hubs and routes touching their regional interests are being preserved.

The companies have said they expect to close the deal by the end of September. □



# Founder of EU's easyJet to launch easyFoodstore

**DANICA KIRKA**  
**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — Stelios Haji-loannou, founder of European discount airline easyJet, is planning to open a budget supermarket to cater for cash-strapped shoppers, launching an easyFoodstore in south London, the company said Monday.

But the store, to be opened in Croydon at the end of the year, will be markedly different from most of Britain's leading supermar-

kets: Nothing on sale will be fresh or frozen. The 50-to-100 different types of tinned meats, packaged pasta and plastic bottled sauces on sale are meant to serve basic needs of a country suffering from the impact of government austerity measures.

Haji-loannou described the store an effort to serve gap in the market — a niche below Aldi and Lidl, the current leading European budget supermarket operators.

"My interest in the food retailing business was sparked by recent press stories covering the widespread use of food banks by the needy and my own experience with the "food from the heart" charitable program operated by my philanthropic foundation in Cyprus," he said in a statement posted on the domain, easyfoodstore.com. The easyFoodstore is a pilot project that will be located on the ground floor of a building that will also

house other "easy" brands in Haji-loannou's business empire: An easyHotel, and easyOffice and possibly an easyGym. Much of the details remain sketchy. The Times of London broke the story over the weekend, pushing the company to discuss details of the proposal earlier than planned. "I was surprised how much interest the mere registration of a trademark and a URL has attracted especially considering easy-Group owns thousands

of 'easy' trademarks and 'easy' URLs often for defensive purposes," Haji-loannou said. Last month, a leading British food bank reported a threefold increase in people seeking help since government welfare reforms were introduced in April. Figures released by The Trussell Trust show that 150,000 people sought food help between April 1 and June 30— compared to the nearly 50,000 that sought help at the same time last year. □

# HSBC bank says 1st half profits at \$10.3 billion

**DANICA KIRKA**  
**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — HSBC PLC, Europe's biggest bank by market value, said Monday that its first half profit rose 22 percent as it reaped the benefits of restructuring measures and reduced loan losses in the United States. Its shares fell, however, on concern about growth in China, a key market.

The bank, which gets more than 60 percent of its income from Asia, said Monday that its net income rose to \$10.3 billion in the first half of the year from \$8.4 billion in the same period of 2012.

In the United States, loan impairment charges were down to \$1.3 billion, or 29 percent, compared with the first half of 2012. The decrease reflected improvements in the housing market and lower delinquency levels.

The bank sold a \$3.7 billion non-real estate loan portfolio. It also announced 11 disposals or closures of non-strategic businesses since the start of the year — efforts that the bank said would "continue to reshape HSBC."

At the same time, the bank said it cut costs by \$800 million during the period — taking annual savings to \$4.1 billion since the start of 2011, Chief Executive Stuart Gulliver said the bank's priority is to implement a global standard of conduct and compliance. The focus on ethics comes after the group agreed to pay almost \$2 billion last year to settle a money-laundering case involving illicit drug money from Mexico. It also handled assets belonging to Iran and to Libya. The bank has struggled to clear its name and restore its reputation.

"Our values are to be de-

pendable, open to different ideas and cultures, and connected to customers, communities, regulators and each other; they form a key part of the annual performance review

ing global standards we are reinforcing the expectation that our employees will do the right thing, act with courageous integrity and maintain the most effective financial crime

consequences of this strategy has been the decision to close the accounts of dozens of foreign missions in London — a move that sent diplomats across the capital scrambling.

Foreign missions traditionally deal in large amounts of cash, something which may have raised uncomfortable questions at a bank that has been buffeted by money laundering scandals. The bank declined to comment on "individual customer relationships." The bank said that over the past six months, it had added 1,600 people to its regulatory and financial crime compliance units, and all of its employees are receiving mandatory training on compliance issues. The bank said Monday that former U.S. prosecutor Michael Cherkasky, who was hired in the wake of the American fines, □



**A man walks past the HSBC's Hong Kong headquarters in central district of Hong Kong. HSBC PLC, Europe's biggest bank by market value, said Monday Aug. 5, 2013, that its first half profit rose 22 percent as it reaped the benefits of restructuring measures and reduced loan losses in the United States. Its shares fell, however, on concern about growth in China, a key market.**  
(AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

for everyone who works at HSBC," Gulliver wrote in his statement. "By implement-

controls everywhere that we operate." One of the more recent

# Revlon to buy hair dye maker Colomer for \$660M

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**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Revlon is buying Colomer Group, which sells hair dye and other products to beauty salons, for about \$660 million, saying the deal will help it reach new salon customers. The transaction reunites Revlon with its former professional products division, which the beauty products company sold to CVC Capital Partners in 2000 for about \$315 mil-

lion. The private equity firm is still Colomer's owner and is selling it to Revlon.

Revlon's stock climbed 6 percent in Monday midday trading after hitting a 7-year high earlier in the session. Spain's Colomer markets products under brands such as Revlon Professional hair care, which it currently licenses from Revlon Inc. It also sells shampoos, conditioners and other hair products to consumers under the Creme

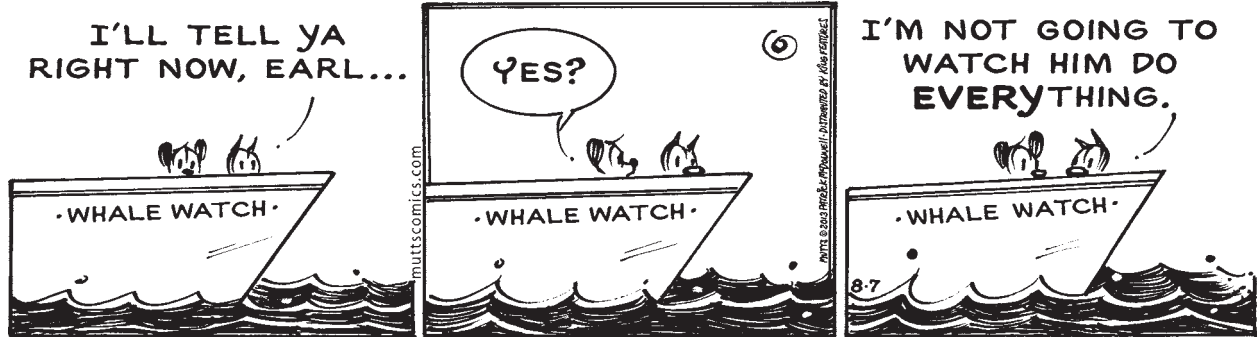
of Nature brand and also sells nail polish and body lotions. About half its sales are in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, while 40 percent come from the U.S. Revlon sells Revlon and Almay makeup, Revlon ColorSilk hair dye and other beauty products. The New York company is looking to strengthen its sales outside the U.S. Like many consumer products companies, it has had to deal with the recession in Europe, which

has hurt spending. Colomer's "presence in the professional salon channel, which Revlon currently does not serve, will expand our product offering and enable us to reach new consumers," said Revlon CEO Alan Ennis in a statement. He added that the deal could provide "meaningful" cost savings opportunities. The purchase is expected to close in the last three months of 2013 and add to

Revlon's earnings in the first year after it's complete. Last week Revlon reported that its second-quarter net income more than doubled, bolstered by a large insurance gain related to a fire that destroyed a Venezuelan plant. The company's shares added \$1.47 to \$25.97 Monday, peaking earlier in the morning at a 7-year high of \$26.57. The stock has gained 77 percent this year. □



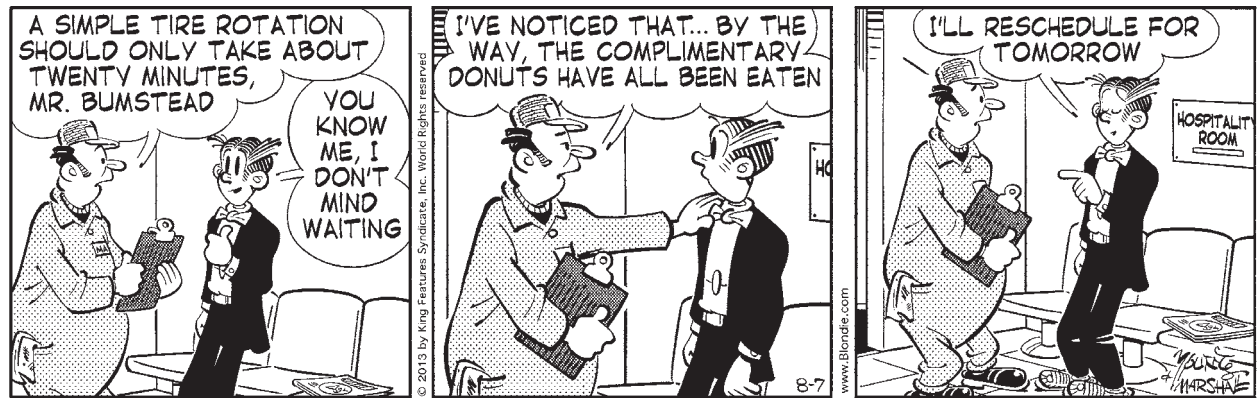
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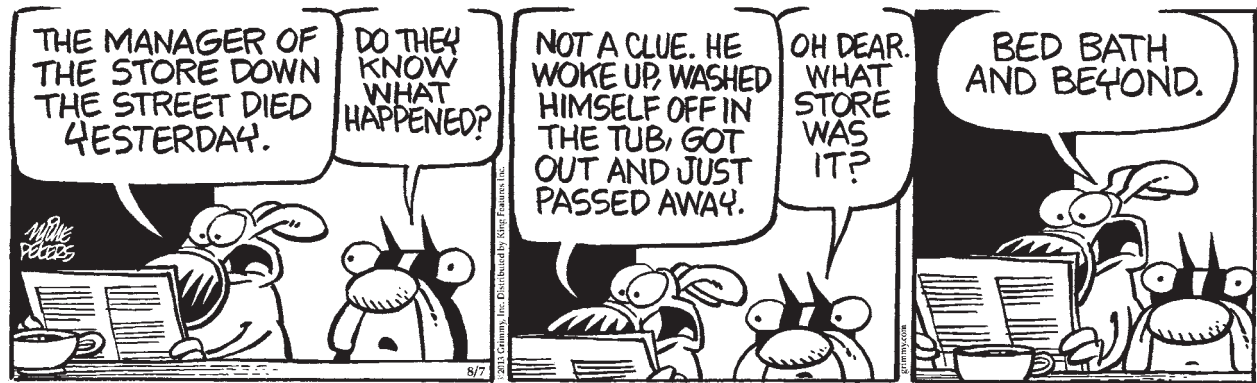
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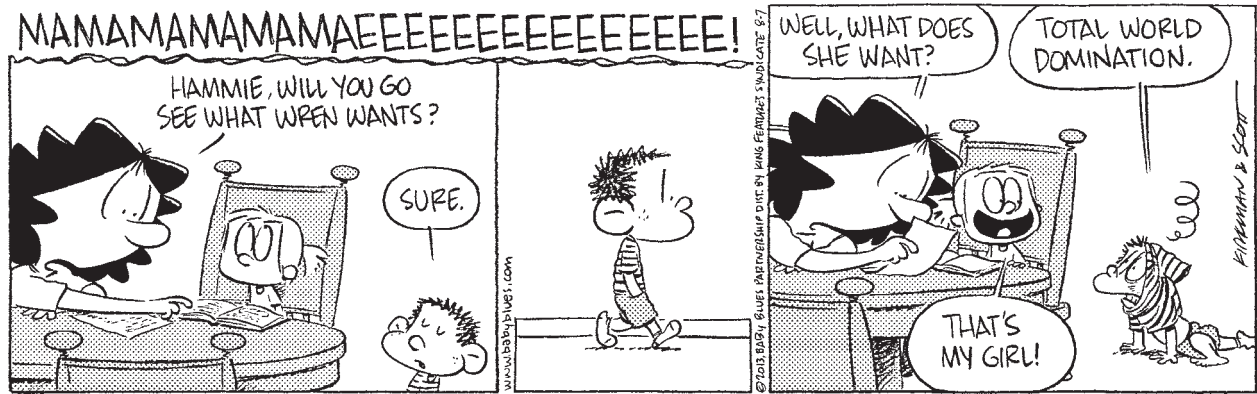
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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2	3	1	4	6	7	5	8	9
8	6	5	3	9	2	1	4	7
7	9	4	1	8	5	2	6	3

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- 1 More impolite
- 6 Night \_; those who retire late
- 10 Poison ivy symptom
- 14 Foolish
- 15 Webster or Wyle
- 16 African nation
- 17 Catchers' gloves
- 18 Scotch and \_; bar order
- 19 Trudge
- 20 Church spires
- 22 Read thoroughly
- 24 Violent public disorder
- 25 Amends; alters
- 26 Magician's exclamation
- 29 \_ one's time; waits
- 30 Uncooked
- 31 Stopped
- 33 Gallant
- 37 Singles
- 39 Tendon
- 41 Poverty
- 42 Undress
- 44 "Get lost!"
- 46 Child's running game
- 47 Instruct
- 49 Capture again
- 51 Ceremonies
- 54 Casino game
- 55 Overflowing, as a beehive
- 56 Hobbies
- 60 Fishing worm, for example
- 61 Leave out
- 63 Martini garnish
- 64 Source of distress
- 65 Sound
- 66 Extend one's subscription
- 67 \_ tea
- 68 Pegs for Els
- 69 \_ up; incites

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- 4 Goes into
- 5 Period of relief
- 6 Start
- 7 Wines & dines
- 8 Youth
- 9 Molded
- 10 Throw in jail
- 11 Ankle
- 12 Shut
- 13 Stays out of sight
- 21 Diving birds
- 23 Get \_; take revenge
- 25 Equestrian
- 26 Paid athletes
- 27 \_ and rave; carry on
- 28 Pitcher
- 29 Seat at a picnic table
- 32 Compact \_; CDs
- 34 Alpha's follower
- 35 Faucet problem
- 36 On \_; jittery
- 38 Placed
- 40 Merchandise
- 43 Bosc or Bartlett
- 45 Trusted counselors
- 48 Just about
- 50 Must for a bathroom
- 51 Synagogue leader
- 52 Sir \_ Newton
- 53 Thick string
- 54 Winslet and Mulgrew
- 56 Christmas tree, often
- 57 Skimpy skirt
- 58 \_-present; always there
- 59 Makes clothing
- 62 Actress West



## More Fathers Go Solo Raising Their Children

Yang Wang

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Frank Lowrance's morning routine starts early - really early.

During the school year, the truck driver from Spring wakes up his 8-year-old son, Noah, at 4 a.m. with a cup of orange juice. Lowrance wipes the sweat off Noah's face from a night's sleep with a hot rag and then hustles his half-awake son to a 24-hour day care four miles away. There, Noah sleeps another hour and a half on a cot, before the day care shuttles him to Bammel Elementary School.

Then Lowrance, 50, hops in his fuel-tank truck, delivering gasoline as a contractor for the city of Houston.

Many parents likely can relate to such crazy and creative schedules in the daily juggle of work and children. But what sets Lowrance apart is that he's doing this all by himself. He's a single father - part of a growing phenomenon across the country of men taking charge of families.

A record 8 percent of American households with minor children are raised by single fathers now, up from 1 percent in the 1960s, according to a recent Pew Research Center study.

"It seems as though whenever there is discussion of single parents, it is always framed in terms of single mothers," said Pew center researcher Gretchen Livingston.

"While mothers are clearly the majority of single parents, it's important that single fathers be considered when we discuss single parenting."

Changing roles

The growth of single fathers is far outpacing that of single moms. The number of single dads has increased ninefold from the 1960s, while single mothers have grown only half as much.

In Harris County, single fathers head nearly 39,500 households, according to the 2010 census, up 50 percent from 2000.

The term "single father" includes men in a variety of family circumstances.

About half are separated, divorced, widowed or never married and are living without a partner; another 40 percent are living with a non-marital partner; and a small share are married but living apart from their spouse.

Researchers say the trend reflects the decline of marriage and the changing role of fathers culturally.

"The number of single dads who have custodies or equal custodies is rising because men are realizing it's OK to be paternal, not just breadwinners," said Honorée Corder, an Austin-based author of a motivational book "The Successful Single Dad."

"I think more women are pursuing professions and leave their kids with the baby daddy," Corder said after publishing her book, "The Successful Single Mom," many fathers asked her to write books for them. She also created a training class for single fathers in Austin and Dallas, and is looking to expand to other parts of the country.

Gender stereotypes Jessica Brown, a sociology professor at the University of Houston, said as women have spent decades breaking traditional gender stereotypes men have been pushed to seize more caring responsibilities at home.

"We still culturally see women as the primary parent, but that starts to change," Brown said.

Single father households

fare better off financially than single mother households, but are still disadvantaged compared with their married counterparts, according to the Pew study.

The growth of single fathers has created a need for more support organizations to help men navigate the world of solo parenting. But, of course, men can still be men.

"They don't like to admit they have problems," said Angela Mitchell Hudson, creator of Hope Single Parents Support System in Houston.

Houston single father Eldho Kuriakose, 35, said he was embarrassed being one of the only few men in many single parents' gatherings, so he started a meet-up group called Houston Single Fathers. He arranges activities for his 7-year-old son, Isaac, such as magic shows or museum outings. And he takes great pains not to be a stereotypical dad.

"No football. We are not like that," said Kuriakose, adding telecommunication technology helps free up time he can use to spend with his son.

During summer vacation when life is not as hectic, Lowrance and Noah have more time to bond.

Like on a recent Wednesday afternoon, when the father and son made waffles and scrambled eggs in the kitchen of their small but tidy one-bedroom apartment. □

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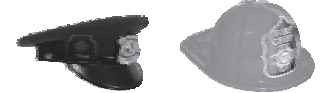
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# NASA's Curiosity rover celebrates 1 year on Mars

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mount Sharp has beckoned Curiosity since the NASA rover made its grand entrance on Mars exactly a year ago, dangling from nylon cables to a safe landing. If microbes ever existed on Mars, the mountain represents the best hope for preserving the chemical ingredients that are fundamental to all living things.

After a poky but productive start, Curiosity recently pointed its wheels south, rolling toward the base of Mount Sharp in a journey that will last many months. Expect Curiosity to channel its inner tourist as it drives across the rock-strewn landscape, dodging bumps and taking in the scenery.

"We do a lot of off-roading on a lot of little dirt roads," said mission manager Jennifer Trosper.

Curiosity will unpack its toolkit once it arrives at its destination to hunt for the organic building blocks of life.

Scientists have been eager for a peek of Mount Sharp since Curiosity, the size of a small SUV, touched down in an ancient crater near the Martian equator on the night of Aug. 5, 2012.

The world wondered whether Curiosity would nail its landing, which involved an acrobatic plunge through the thin atmosphere that ended with it being gently



This Aug. 5, 2012 file photo shows Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity team member Miguel San Martin, left, celebrating with Adam Steltzner of the Mars Science Laboratory (MSL), right, after the successful landing of the Curiosity rover on the surface of Mars at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

lowered to the ground with cables.

Engineers had to invent new tricks since Curiosity was too massive to bounce to a landing cocooned in airbags — the preferred choice for previous rovers Spirit and Opportunity.

After seven terrifying minutes, a voice echoed through mission control at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "Touchdown confirmed," said engineer Allen Chen. "We're safe on Mars."

Scientists and engineers clad in matching sky-blue polo shirts erupted in cheers. Some were so excited that they overshot their high-fives.

Curiosity became a pop sensation. Several of Cu-

riosity's handlers including Bobak "Mohawk Guy" Ferdowsi became science rock stars.

The technical prowess required to pull off such a landing has "captured the imagination of a whole new generation of prospective explorers," said American University space policy professor Howard McCurdy, who has closely followed the \$2.5 billion mission.

Mission scientist Sushil Atreya of the University of Michigan remained calm until the last ten seconds. "Then it hit me — it's crazy! It was an unbelievable feeling of relief when the first picture from the rover came down," Atreya said. Mike Malin, who operates Curiosity's cameras, ticked

off two of his favorite pictures from the mission so far: A view of the rover's heat shield falling away right before landing and a color portrait of Mount Sharp.

"That looks so much like Utah that it felt very familiar," said Malin, who heads Malin Space Science Systems.

Once the euphoria of landing wore off, the six-wheel, nuclear-powered rover went to work, spending two months testing its instruments and systems. The health checks took longer than expected because Curiosity was a complex machine.

To celebrate the landing anniversary, engineers commanded one of Curiosity's instruments to play

"Happy Birthday" as the rover took a break from driving.

Scientists initially hoped to head to Mount Sharp late last year, but decided to take a detour to an intriguing spot near the landing site where three different types of terrain intersected. Curiosity discovered rounded pebbles — clear evidence of an ancient streambed. It also fulfilled one of the mission's main goals. By drilling into a rock and analyzing its chemistry, Curiosity concluded that Gale Crater possessed the right environmental conditions to support primitive life. It's not equipped to look for microbes, living or extinct.

With Curiosity busy studying rocks and dirt, the start date for the mountain trek kept getting pushed back. At one point, the team declined to predict anymore. Now that it's finally on the move, scientists hope to keep stops to a minimum. Along the way, Curiosity will take pictures, check the weather, track radiation and fire its laser at rocks.

Curiosity was such a smash that NASA is preparing for an encore performance in 2021 using the same landing technology.

Budget willing, the next rover will be able to collect rocks and store them on the Martian surface for a possible future mission to pick up and ferry back to Earth. □

## Archaeologists uncover 200-year-old Alaska village

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Brown University archaeologists have uncovered the site of a village in northwest Alaska that's believed to be at least 200 years old. The village dig is in Kobuk Valley National Park about

20 miles up the Kobuk River from the community of Kiana, according to KSKA.

Arctic archaeologist Doug Anderson estimates about 200 people lived in the village, which he believes was a regional capital. Re-

searchers think the village dates from the late 1700s to the early 1800s, just before initial contact with explorers.

Anderson said he's never seen a site quite like the one uncovered where so many houses were connected by a web of tunnels. He has been in archaeologist for more than 50 years, specializing in prehistory and early history of northwest Alaska.

"In some other areas here we've found maybe two houses that are connected by tunnels, but nothing like this," Anderson said. □



In this July 18, 2013 image provided by Alaska Public Radio Network, Dr. Doug Anderson, third from left, an Archaeologist with Brown University, speaks to residents from the nearby village of Kiana, Alaska about the ruins of a large, pre-contact Alaska Native Village that he and his team have uncovered along the banks of the Kobuk River.

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This July 22, 2012 file photo shows U.S. singer-songwriter Bob Dylan performing on at "Les Vieilles Charrues" Festival in Carhaix, western France.

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## Dylan portraits to go on display at London gallery

**LONDON (AP)** — Portraits by Bob Dylan are going on display at the National Portrait Gallery in London. The 72-year-old singer-songwriter has been exhibiting his artworks for the past six years, but these 12 new pastel sketches have not been shown before. The display is a departure for the gallery, which showcases portraits of prominent Britons. The gallery says Dylan's images are "an amalgamation of

features the musician has collected from life, memory and his imagination and fashioned into people, some real and some fictitious."

Art historian John Elderfield, who helped bring the works to London, said Monday the paintings were "products of the same extraordinary, inventive imagination" that wrote Dylan's songs.

"Bob Dylan: Face Value" runs Aug. 24 to Jan. 5. □

## Ryan Seacrest to host new NBC game show

**NEW YORK (AP)** — NBC says Ryan Seacrest will host "The Million Second Quiz," a new live game show for two weeks in September. The network said Monday it is constructing a giant hourglass-shaped structure in Manhattan for the game, which will involve contestants testing their trivia skills over a million seconds — or 11 days, 13 hours, 46 minutes and 40 seconds. A contestant leading the game earns \$10 per second for sitting in the "money chair," with a potential payoff of millions of dollars.

The show will air for six straight nights starting Sept. 9, then return for four nights starting Sept. 16.

Seacrest is host of "American Idol" on Fox. □



In this May 16, 2013 file image released by Fox, host Ryan Seacrest appears during the season 12 finale of "American Idol," in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

# Sharon Stone: Happily unrecognizable in new role



This film publicity image released by RADIUS-TWC shows Sharon Stone as Dorothy Boreman in "Lovelace."

Associated Press

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Actors make physical transformations for roles all the time; it's what they do.

Still, many have found it truly stunning to see Sharon Stone — who at 55 still looks unnervingly like the sleek, blonde, leg-crossing femme fatale she played two decades ago in "Basic Instinct" — appear dark, severe, ungainly and nearly unrecognizable in "Lovelace."

"NOBODY recognized her," says Amanda Seyfried, who plays Stone's daughter, the "Deep Throat" star Linda Lovelace, in the film that opens Friday. "Harvey Weinstein, if I remember correctly, did not know that Sharon Stone was in it. She's that good."

But Stone says that while she's happy people are shocked, they may not realize that she also had to transform herself to play that uber-sexy "Basic Instinct" role back in 1992.

"It's funny, because when I played 'Basic Instinct,' everybody thought I was playing something closer to myself," Stone said in a recent interview. "But in fact I totally transformed myself to play that character. I didn't know how to go around looking like that."

Of course, Stone added, "It was more fun to continue to look glamorous and closer to that part — obviously I'm not going to go out and look more like this character, Dorothy Boreman, because I don't want to! But I'm not anything at all like that (Basic Instinct) part, and I'm not like this part." In any case, she's enjoying the reaction. "I like it because I feel, like, I did it!" she said, her voice lowering to a conspiratorial whisper. "Oh, I really did it!" Stone has a history of surprising people, both off screen — with occasionally controversial red-carpet comments — and on. She may have been in legendary sex-symbol territory after "Basic Instinct," but she surprised even herself by earning the 1996 Golden Globe for Martin Scorsese's "Casino," beating out heavyweights like Meryl Streep, Susan Sarandon and Emma Thompson. (She also received an Oscar nomination for her admired performance as a high-priced call girl.) Her later films may not have been quite as successful, but she remains a Hollywood fixture — a red-carpet favorite, and a formidable fundraiser for AIDS research — and "Lovelace" co-star Sey-

fried was gushing in praise of Stone as an on-set mentor.

"I wanted to be so good for her," Seyfried said. "I was terrified that I was going to do my job poorly. But ... she just said the right things. She helped me. She slapped me into the role." Seyfried was speaking metaphorically AND literally: At one point, mother slaps daughter. Another scene is even harder to watch: Lovelace's mother refuses to allow her daughter to return home and take refuge from her physically abusive husband.

Stone, a single mother of three sons, said she focused on the intentions of her character, not her actions. "I think that my character felt she was being a good parent by guiding her daughter into keeping her commitments," she said. "I think in that time, and from her ethical standpoint, she felt that keeping her commitment as a wife, growing up, staying in a mature marriage ... that was giving her daughter good advice. This was a different era."

The movie is based on the 1980 memoir, "Ordeal," by Lovelace, who eventually renounced her porn career and became an anti-pornography activist. □



# Republicans want NBC, CNN to pull Clinton programs

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican National Committee charged Monday that NBC and CNN are promoting a potential presidential candidacy by Hillary Rodham Clinton, threatening to blackball them from future Republican primary debates if they air upcoming programs on the former secretary of state.

RNC chairman Reince Priebus called a planned NBC miniseries on Clinton and a CNN documentary on the first lady an "extended commercial" for a future Clinton presidential campaign. In separate letters to the networks, he urged them to cancel "this political ad masquerading as an unbiased production."

Clinton has not yet said whether she'll run for president again in 2016 but her future remains the subject of wide speculation in political circles and beyond. The primary debates typically provide a ratings boost for the networks and are highly-coveted as the presidential campaign unfolds. In making the charge, the



This July 16, 2013 file photo shows former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton addressing the 51st Delta Sigma Theta National Convention in Washington.

Associated Press

RNC was raising a common complaint among Republican activists that news and entertainment industries favor Democratic candidates.

Republicans have also used a potential Clinton campaign as a fundraising tool in recent months as

both parties begin to assess the crop of candidates to succeed President Barack Obama.

CNN Films is planning a feature-length documentary film on the former first lady, looking at her professional and personal life. It will be led by Oscar-winning direc-

tor and producer Charles Ferguson and is expected to air in 2014.

NBC has announced a miniseries called "Hillary," starring actress Diane Lane. No air date has been announced but it is timed to be released before the 2016 presidential election. NBC has said the four-hour miniseries will follow Clinton's life and career from 1998 to the present.

Richard Licata, an NBC Entertainment spokesman, declined comment on the request and referred calls to NBC News, which said in a statement that it "is completely independent of NBC Entertainment and has no involvement in this project."

CNN said in a statement that "instead of making premature decisions about a project that is in the very early stages of development and months from completion, we would encourage the members of the Republican National Committee to reserve judgment until they know more."

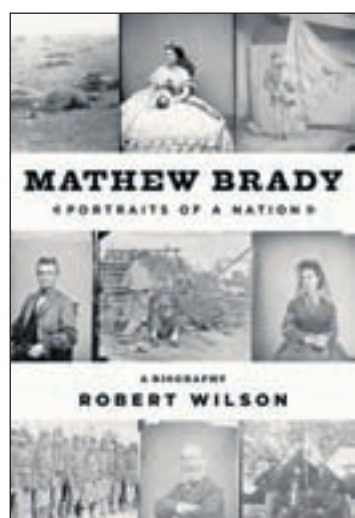
"Should they decide not to participate in debates on CNN, we would find it curious, as limiting their debate

participation seems to be the ultimate disservice to voters," CNN said.

In the letters, Priebus said the RNC would refuse to partner with the two networks on future Republican primary debates or sanction any debates which CNN or NBC may sponsor if they continued with their Clinton programs. Unless the networks comply, he plans to push for the sanctions at an RNC meeting in Boston beginning on Aug. 14.

Republican leaders in the early voting states of Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina said they supported the request.

Since Mitt Romney's loss to Obama in last year's elections, Republicans have pushed to limit the number of primary debates. A large field of Republicans participated in about 20 debates in 2011 and 2012 and some party leaders argued that it hurt their ability to stay unified against Obama. An audit by the RNC released earlier this year called for about 10 to 12 primary debates during the 2016 campaign, with the first occurring no earlier than Sept. 1, 2015. □



This book cover image released by Bloomsbury shows "Mathew Brady: Portraits of a Nation," a biography by Robert Wilson.

Associated Press

DOUGLASS K. DANIEL

Associated Press

Civil War photographer Mathew Brady largely taught himself the finer points of the two pursuits that have linked his name to history: taking pictures and self-promotion. The son of Irish immigrant farm-

## New book focuses on Civil War photographer Brady

ers had a talent for cajoling presidents, generals and business leaders to sit before his camera.

Other than his birth around 1823 in Warren County, N.Y., little is recorded about Brady's early life, a challenge for biographer Robert Wilson. Yet readers of "Mathew Brady: Portraits of a Nation" probably benefit from this dearth of personal information. Wilson moves quickly to what matters most — Brady's role in how we see America in the mid-to late 19th century.

Timing was on Brady's side when, as a teenager, he left the countryside for the big city around 1840. The early photographic process called daguerreotype, invented in Paris, arrived in New York just ahead of him. He may have taken lessons in the technique while supporting himself as a clerk at

a fabric store.

In 1844, Brady opened a photographic studio that produced portraits, and after five years of success, he started a studio in Washington. Wilson makes a compelling case that Brady eventually rose above a sea of artistic entrepreneurs offering photographic portraits because he learned, and often advanced, the latest techniques. As important, he had a pleasing manner that put subjects at ease during the time-consuming process of getting a picture taken.

Brady also understood how publicity worked back then. The Hall of Fame in his Broadway studio featured a gallery of celebrities — a subtle pitch for others to pay a few dollars for portraits of their own. Few would not want to sit for the studio that photographed

war heroes like Gen. Winfield Scott, naturalist and painter John James Audubon and the elderly former first lady Dolley Madison. In 1849, President James K. Polk allowed Brady to take his photograph in the White House, as did his successor, Zachary Taylor, a sign of Brady's growing reputation.

A decade later, when the nation seemed destined to fracture over slavery, Brady was, as Wilson puts it, at the "height of his fame as a photographer of celebrities." His 1860 photograph of a beardless Abraham Lincoln — Brady pulled up the collars on Lincoln's shirt and coat, probably to hide his long neck — helped to make the presidential aspirant known around the country.

The Civil War created a strong demand for photo-

graphs of soldiers in studio settings and in encampments. The custom of the time was for the studio's owner to take the credit, not those working in the studio or in the field. While Brady shared credit with his photographers some of the time and traveled to battlefields such as Gettysburg, his name is associated with many photographs he didn't take.

Brady's experience at Bull Run — he lost his equipment in the chaotic retreat that marked the North's first major battle — may have cooled his eagerness to ask those working for him to photograph close to actual fighting. As the war continued, photographic images of dead soldiers, slain horses and other post-battle carnage brought to the public a face of war most had never seen. □



# The Neocon Revival



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They say you can define what kind of conservative a person is by what year they want to go back to. Some conservatives, apparently including some in Sen. Rand Paul's office, want to go back to the 1850s. They believe that Abraham Lincoln helped put us on the path to the leviathan state. Many other conservatives want to go back to the 1890s. They think Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and the other Progressives set us on that course.

But, in the 1980s, when conservatism was at its most politically and intellectually vibrant, the dominant voices in the movement celebrated Lincoln, the Progressive Era and even the New Deal. The kind of conservatism that Irving Kristol embodied was cheerful and at peace with modern America. The political heroes for this kind of conservatism, Kristol wrote, "tend to be TR, FDR and Ronald Reagan. Such Republican and conservative worthies as Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Dwight Eisenhower and Barry Goldwater are politely overlooked." These conservatives, Kristol continued, reject the idea that the United States is on the road to serfdom. They "do not feel that kind of alarm or anxiety about the growth of the state in the past century, seeing it as natural, indeed inevitable. ... People have always preferred strong government to weak government, though they certainly have no liking for anything that smacks of intrusive government."

The conservatism that Kristol was referring to is neoconservatism. Neocons came in for a lot of criticism during the Iraq war, but neoconservatism was primarily a domestic policy movement. Conservatism was at its peak when the neocons were dominant and nearly every problem with the Republican Party today could be cured by a neocon revival. Kristol and others argued that the GOP floundered because it never accepted the welfare state. "The idea of a welfare state is in itself perfectly consistent with conservative political philosophy," he argued. In a capitalist society, people need government aid. "They need such assistance; they demand it; they will get it. The only interesting political question is: How will they get it." As Richard John Neuhaus and Peter Berger wrote in a famous essay on mediating structures and public policy, "The

modern welfare state is here to stay, indeed ... it ought to expand the benefits it provides."

Neuhaus and Berger were arguing for the mobilization of more religious and community groups. Others wanted structural reforms. "Such reforms," Kristol added, "would include, of course, Social Security, unemployment insurance, some form of national health insurance, some kind of family assistance plan, etc."

The crucial issue for the health of the nation, in this view, is not the size of government; it is the character of the people. Neocons opposed government programs that undermined personal responsibility and community cohesion, but they supported those programs that reinforced them or which had no effect.

Neocons put values at the center of their governing philosophy, but their social policy was neither morally laissez-faire like the libertarians nor explicitly religious like some social conservatives. Neocons mostly sought policies that would encourage self-discipline. "In almost every area of public concern, we are seeking to induce persons to act virtuously, whether as schoolchildren, applicants for public assistance, would-be lawbreakers, or voters and public officials," James Q. Wilson wrote.

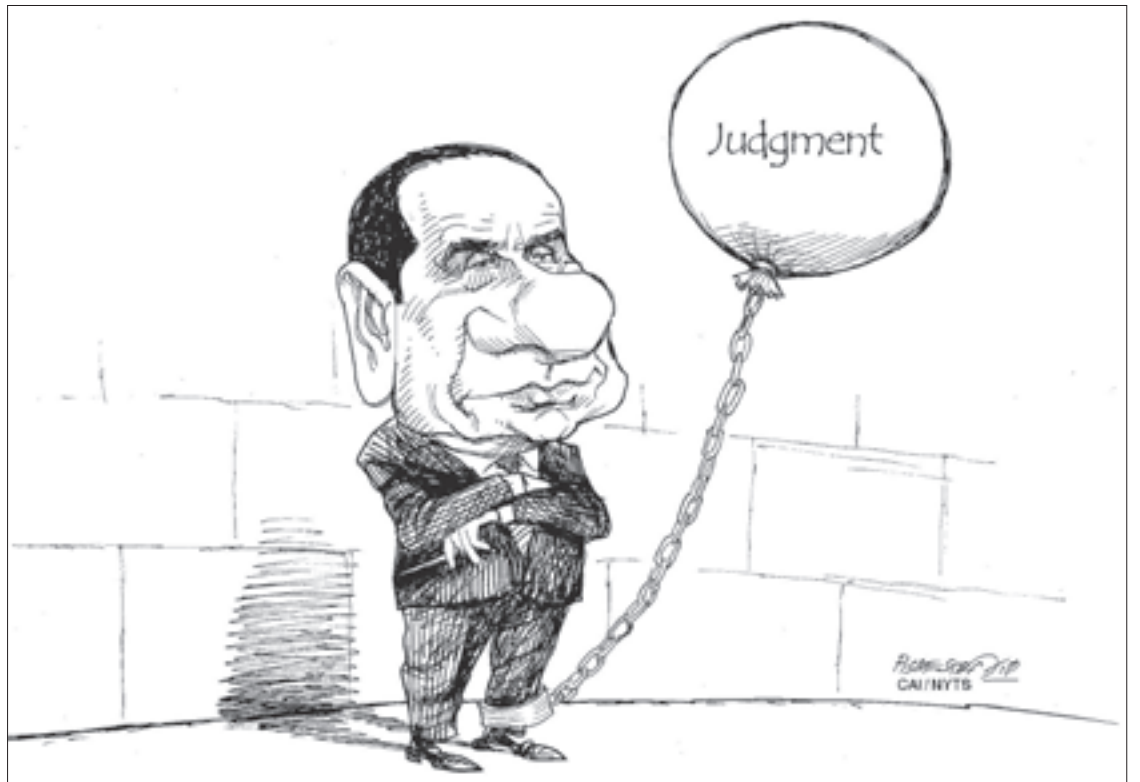
How would they know if programs induced virtue? Empirically. "Neoconservatives, accordingly, place a lot of stock in applied social science research, especially the sort that evaluates old programs and tests new ones," Wilson added.

Nobody would call George F. Will a neocon, but, in 1983, he published a superb book called "Statecraft as Soulcraft." It championed the sort of governing conservatism that was common then and is impermissible now. "It is generally considered obvious that government should not, indeed cannot, legislate morality. But, in fact, it does so, frequently; it should do so more often," Will wrote.

He was not calling for a theocracy. He was calling for "strong government conservatism," for a limited but energetic government that could cultivate the best in persons by educating the passions. "American conservatives are caught in the web of their careless antigovernment rhetoric," he concluded.

In recent years, people like Kristol, Wilson and Reagan have been celebrated even though many of their ideas could no longer get a hearing in many conservative precincts. The Republican Party is drifting back to a place where it appears hostile to the basic pillars of the welfare state: to food stamps, for example. This will make the party what it was before the neocon infusion, a 43 percent party in national elections, rejected by minorities and the economically insecure.

The solution is not to go back to 1980. It's to imagine what kind of values Americans should have, and what kind of limited but energetic government can reinforce those values. □



# Politics Of A Screeching Halt



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One of the least attractive legacies of Barack Obama will be the way he empowered freshman senators to believe they were only one or two good speeches away from the presidency.

Right now, the show horses of the U.S. Senate are Rand Paul of Kentucky, Ted Cruz of Texas and Marco Rubio of Florida. All are preparing for a 2016 presidential bid. All are making visits to Iowa. They're the new faces of the Republican Party. Really, really new. The three of them have an average age of 45 and an average tenure in Washington of 1.9 years. And all three are in the news for their efforts to get Republicans to promise not to vote to fund the government this fall unless the president cancels Obamacare. "I think it's the dumbest idea I've ever heard," said Sen. Richard Burr of North Carolina, speaking on behalf of a large number of Republicans who regard the idea of shutting down the government with horror and who are never going to be mentioned in a Quinnipiac presidential poll. Rubio, Cruz and Paul weren't the first senators to promote the shutdown idea. But they're the ones with the national names, in a party that's got a crush on crazy. They're very different. Marco Rubio is a Cuban-American with a background in

Florida politics who keeps bouncing and hedging in a desperate attempt to look like a bipartisan statesman who is - wait! wait! - also a right-wing true believer. He was a key negotiator behind the Senate immigration reform bill, which he now says he will not lobby for in the House. Ted Cruz is a Cuban-American with a background in law whose father used to tell him, "You know, Ted, you have been gifted above any man that I know, and God has destined you for greatness." Rand Paul is the libertarian son of former Rep. Ron Paul with a background in ophthalmology. Paul and Cruz in particular tend to drive other Republican senators nuts. We probably have them to thank for the return of the pre-2008 version of John McCain, who would rather be anywhere than in a party caucus listening to Ted Cruz give a speech. Asked by The New Republic whether he would support Rand Paul or Hillary Clinton for president, McCain laughed and said, "It's gonna be a tough choice." Actually it wouldn't. If Rand Paul got nominated for president, McCain would be the honorary national chairman of Republicans for Hillary.

The ones who aren't irate are terrified. John Cornyn of Texas, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate, is a clubhouse sort of guy, but he's trying desperately to get renominated without a right-wing primary opponent. So far, Cornyn has signed onto the letter promising to go along with the government shutdown threat, taken his name off the letter and then burrowed into the ground, where he will emerge in September, unless he sees his shadow.

And imagine being Mitch McConnell, the senator previously known as "powerful minority leader." McConnell already has a Tea Party opponent back in Kentucky, and he's had to grovel to Rand Paul for support. ("Particularly important and means a great deal.") His campaign manager is the junior senator's

nephew.

Both Paul and Cruz spend their careers violating the old party dictum about never speaking ill of a Republican. Asked about speculation that Gov. Rick Perry might run again for president, Paul grinned and said there were three good reasons Perry could succeed: "You know, Texas is a big, successful state. He's a long-term governor. I can't remember the third one, but, uh."

Cruz told Glenn Beck that Republicans who didn't like his idea were "scared." He called the House's votes to defund or dismember Obamacare "empty," thus casting aspersions on the lower chamber's entire reason for existence. The fight between the Shutdown Trio and their colleagues is not about the Affordable Care Act, which virtually every Republican in Congress loathes and gives speeches about constantly, even when the topic under consideration is supposed to be oil drilling or the next secretary of labor. The fight is over whether the fortunes of the party would be improved if people connected it to the sudden closing of the national parks and the local passport office. "We've been down that road," said Sen. Saxby Chambliss on MSNBC. "We shut down the government ... and we got our butts kicked over shutting down the government." Chambliss is 69 and about to retire. Nobody is ever going to invite him to give the keynote address at the Iowa Republican Party summer picnic. "The sort of cocktail chatter wisdom that 'Oh, the shutdown was a disaster for Republicans' is not borne out by the data," Cruz said. The Democrats are sort of horrified and sort of enthralled by the whole drama. "Give a call to Newt Gingrich. He'll return your phone calls. Ask him how it worked," suggested Majority Leader Harry Reid. Gingrich, who led the House during the last government shutdown in 1995, was busy touring the Peoria Zoo, where he admired a parrot. □



## TASTE TEST:

# Lab-Grown Burgers Lack Sizzle

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**LONDON (AP)** — The food of the future could do with a pinch of seasoning — and maybe some cheese. Two volunteers who took the first public bites of hamburger grown in a laboratory gave it good marks for texture but agreed there was something missing. "I miss the salt and pepper," said Austrian nutritionist Hanni Ruetzler. U.S. journalist Josh Schonwald confessed to a difficulty in judging a burger "without ketchup or onions or jalapenos or bacon." Both tasters shunned the bun, lettuce and sliced tomatoes offered to them to concentrate on the flavor of the meat itself. Mark Post, the Dutch scientist who led the team that grew the meat from cattle stem cells, regretted hav-

with the reviews: "It's not perfect, but it's a good start." Post, whose team at Maastricht University in the Netherlands developed the burger over five years, hopes that making meat in labs could eventually help feed the world and fight climate change — although that goal is probably a decade or two away, at best. "The first (lab-made) meat products are going to be very exclusive," said Isha Datar, director of New Harvest, an international nonprofit that promotes meat alternatives. "These burgers won't be in Happy Meals before someone rich and famous is eating them." Sergey Brin, a co-founder of Google, announced that he funded the 250,000-euro (\$330,000)

we can really scale up by leaps and bounds." Scientists agreed that improving the flavor probably won't be hard. "Taste is the least (important) problem since this could be controlled by letting some of the stem cells develop into fat cells," said Stig Omholt, director of biotechnology at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences. Adding fat to the burgers this way would probably be healthier than getting it from naturally chunky cows, said Omholt, who was not involved in the project. He called Monday's tasting a publicity stunt — but not in a bad way. He said it was a smart way to draw public attention, and possibly investor funds, to efforts to develop lab-grown meat. Post's team made the



**American author and journalist Josh Schonwald, tastes a burger made from cultured beef grown in a laboratory from stem cells of cattle during the world's first public tasting event for the new food product in London, Monday Aug. 5, 2013.**  
(AP Photo / David Parry, PA)



**A new Cultured Beef Burger made from cultured beef grown in a laboratory from stem cells of cattle, is held by the man who developed the burger, Professor Mark Post of Netherland's Maastricht University, in London, Monday Aug. 5, 2013. The Cultured Beef could help solve the coming food crisis and combat climate change according to the producers of the burger which cost some 250,000 euros (US \$332,000) to produce.**

It took nearly 20,000 strands to make a single 140-gram (5-ounce) patty, which for Monday's event was seasoned with salt, egg powder and breadcrumbs. Red beef juice and saffron were added to help the burger look more meat-like; Post said the lab-made patty had a yellowish tinge.

"I'm a vegetarian, but I would be first in line to try this," said Jonathan Garlick, a stem cell researcher at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston. He has used similar techniques to make human skin but wasn't involved in the burger research. Experts say new ways of producing meat are needed

ing countries can afford it. Raising animals destined for the dinner table takes up about 70 percent of all agricultural land.

The animal rights group PETA has thrown its support behind the lab-meat initiative.

"As long as there's anybody who's willing to kill a chicken, a cow or a pig to make their meal, we are all for this," said Ingrid Newkirk, PETA's president and co-founder. "Instead of the millions and billions (of animals) being slaughtered now, we could just clone a few cells to make burgers or chops," she said.

If the product is ever ready for market, national food authorities will likely require data proving the lab meat is safe; there is no precedent. Some experts said officials might regulate the process used to make such meat, similar to how they monitor beer and wine production.

Only one patty was cooked Monday, and the testers each took less than half of it. Post said he would take the leftovers home so his kids can have a taste. □

ing served the patty without his favorite topping: aged gouda cheese. "That would have enhanced the whole experience tremendously," he told The Associated Press. He said he was pleased

project, saying he was motivated by a concern for animal welfare. "We're trying to create the first cultured beef hamburger," he said in a videotaped message. "From there, I'm optimistic

meat from shoulder muscle cells of two organically raised cows. The cells were put into a nutrient solution to help them develop into muscle tissue, and they grew into small strands of meat.

to satisfy growing carnivorous appetites without exhausting resources. By 2050, the Food and Agriculture Organization predicts global meat consumption will double as more people in develop-

(AP Photo / David Parry, PA)